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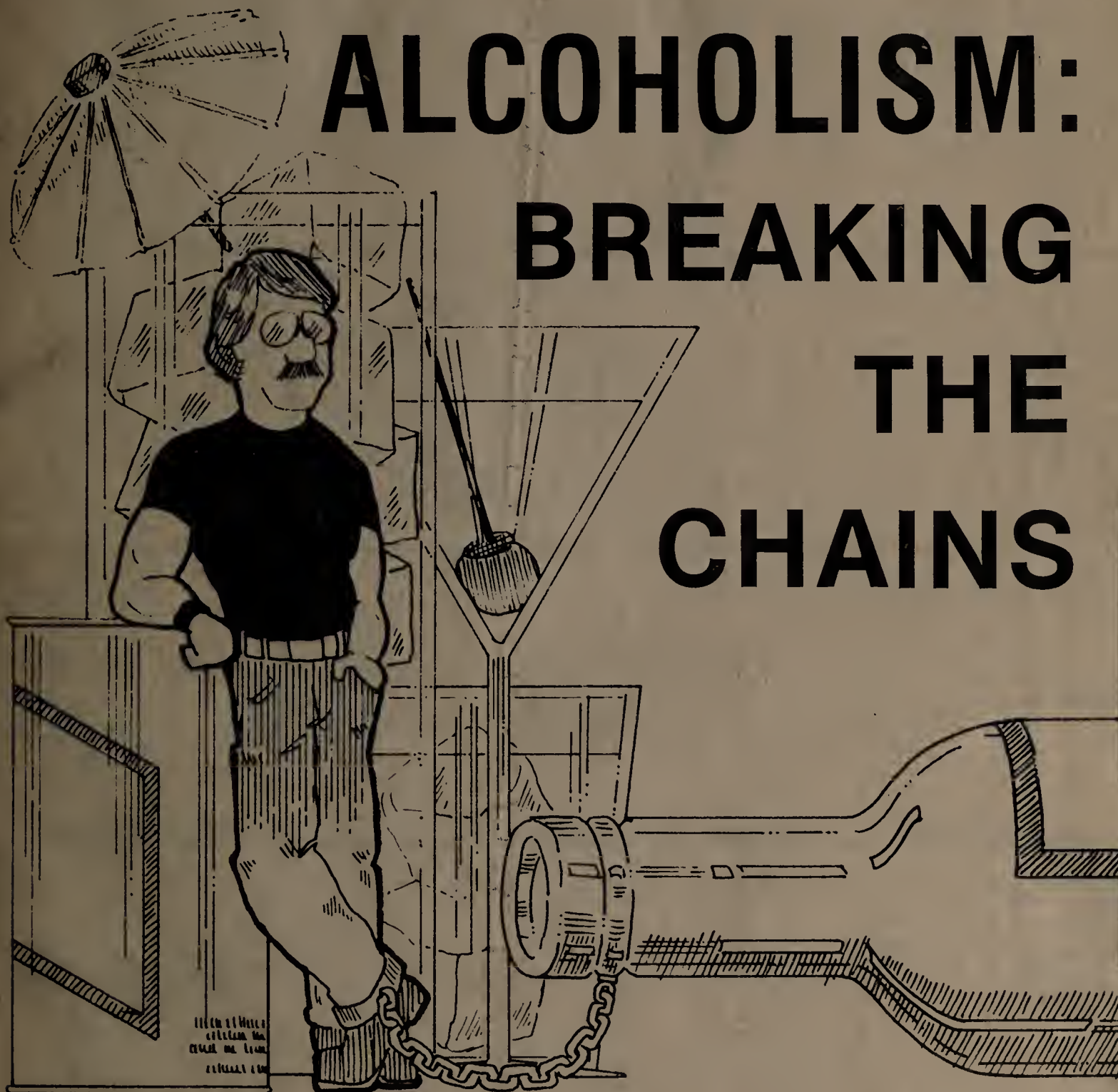
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Lobbying Blamed For Seven-Week Delay

Boston Mayor Appoints Gay/Lesbian Liaison

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Mayor Raymond Flynn has named former Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance Vice-Chairperson Ann Maguire as his liaison to the lesbian and gay community.

At a May 18 press conference in the Eagle Room of Boston City Hall, Flynn introduced Maguire before local media and a host of representatives from the Boston lesbian and gay community.

"During the first weeks of my administration, I issued an executive order banning discrimination in municipal employment and city services on the basis of sex," Flynn said. "Soon after that, I issued another executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in city employment and service delivery. And now with the appointment of Ann

Maguire, the city continues to show positive action in both of these areas."

Maguire, who lives in the South End, has a long history of participation in lesbian and gay politics in Boston. She was a founding member of BL/GPA, serving as the organization's first vice-chairperson and chairperson of its political action committee in 1983. Prior to her affiliation with BL/GPA, she served as co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus. She is an active member of the National Organization for Women, serves on the Boards of Directors of the Ellis Neighborhood Association and the Fenway Community Health Center, and is a member of the advisory committee of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus.

In the 1983 city council campaign, Maguire worked for District 8 candidate Dennis Quilty, who lost to David Scondras, and later became campaign manager for District 2 candidate Chris Hayes, who lost to Jim Kelly.

Scondras, the city's only openly gay elected official, appeared at the press conference with Maguire. "The mayor has taken a significant step by continuing the office of gay liaison and by appointing Ann Maguire to the office," he said. "I am glad to see the continuation of this kind of affirmative action on the part of the mayor. . . . My office will work, as it always has, to support unity within the gay community."

"It's really exciting working in a new administration, one that's so committed to openness and access,



Newly-appointed liaison Ann Maguire is flanked by Boston Mayor Ray Flynn (l.) and gay city councillor David Scondras.

Gaybashers' Sentences Enrage Washingtonians

By Jim Ryan

WASHINGTON, DC — Emotions are running high in the Washington gay and lesbian community over the light sentences given to two high school students who pleaded guilty to assaulting a gay man.

Matthew Warring, 18, and Kevin Kinnahan, 17, were sentenced to probation by D.C. Superior Court Judge Nicholas S. Nunzio, in connection with the brutal attack of William Edgar Hassell. The pair had invited Hassell to a party on the night of Nov. 11, 1983, but instead drove him to a secluded city park where they forced him to empty his pockets, remove his clothes and then proceeded to kick him, urinate on him, stab him repeatedly in the hand and threatened to emasculate and kill him. Hassell broke away from his attackers and ran to a nearby house for help.

In sentencing Warring and Kinnahan, Nunzio said that he was convinced the case was "one of excessive alcohol use on the part of the two young men, a sexual advance on the part of the complaining witness, and of excessive force in defense of that sexual advance."

Nunzio's comments from the bench have the gay and lesbian community here up in arms. The Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) staged a demonstration in the center of Dupont Circle on Sunday May 20, to protest the sentences and to call for Nunzio's resignation.

Steve Smith, president of GAA, told the crowd of 100 persons, "You cannot have any confidence that the judicial system will protect you from violence by bigots when the same bigots are sitting on the bench."

Other speakers included Lois Reckitt, executive vice president of the National Organization for Women, who denounced Nunzio for accepting the defendants' claim that they attacked Hassell to defend themselves from a sexual advance. "I am a lesbian," she told the crowd, "and I have been approached by men in straight bars. In discouraging their advances, I have never found it

necessary to try to kill them."

Jeff Levi, the Washington representative of the National Gay Task Force, also spoke at the rally. He reminded the crowd that "neither we nor our elected representatives appointed Judge Nunzio to the bench. Richard Nixon appointed Judge Nunzio to the bench."

Others said the case underscored the need for statehood for the District. Because it is not a state, all judges serving in the District of Columbia Superior Court are appointed by the President. Reckitt reminded the crowd that President Ronald Reagan, if re-elected, will have the opportunity to appoint well over half the federal judiciary by 1988, affecting the administration of justice in this country for well over a generation.

Smith said the GAA would be launching a letter-writing campaign to convince the D.C. Commission on Judicial Disability and Tenure to remove Nunzio from the bench. Nunzio has been criticized by the Judicial Commission in the past for his conduct and for interfering with attorneys who argue before him. The Commission cited him for acting in an "impatient, discourteous and unreasonable manner" in three cases in 1978.

Nunzio's decision in the Hassell case has been widely condemned in an editorial and in several columns in the Washington Post. The paper was deluged with letters, many of which illustrated that the anger and outrage about the sentences went far beyond the gay and lesbian community.

Wrote one woman: "As a straight woman, I, too, am appalled. I have known Mr. Hassell since 1971, and I consider him one of my very closest friends. I know him as caring, ethical and honorable. And I find it totally unacceptable that sexual preference reduces his credibility in the eyes of the community and the court. I was with him in the courtroom, and I could not believe the innuendoes offered by Barry Stiller, the defense attorney, in an attempt (apparently successful) to convince the jury to accept his clients' version of the in-

cident instead of Mr. Hassell's.

"When I consider that I almost lost someone I love dearly simply because two others were so frightened of his homosexuality that they resorted to violence, brutality and humiliation, I feel furious yet powerless. And I am saddened by the knowledge that our society considers a person's worth and human dignity dependent on his or her sexual preference."

Anti-Porn Law Thwarted By Injunction

By Sharon Page

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Blocking the chance to put into effect the nation's first anti-pornography civil lights law, Federal Judge Fala Evans Barker issued a preliminary injunction barring enforcement of the new law enacted May 1 with feminist and fundamentalist support (See GCN, Vol 11, No. 43).

Granting a petition brought by a coalition of publishers and trade associations, Judge Barker's action on May 9 clears the way for further litigation against the ordinance and a likely test of its constitutionality.

The law's sponsor, Republican Councilwoman Beulah Coughenour, responded by introducing to the City-County Council amendments to clarify the ordinance's definition of pornography and its scope of application. Coughenour then left town for several weeks and was not available for comment.

Michael Gradison, executive director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, told GCN that hearings on the amendment are scheduled June 4 before an administrative committee of the City-County Council. He said the city had asked Judge Evans for a continuance of the trial date of the lawsuit until late June. Gradison expects that the litigation will be held off until passage of the

amendment, which he called an attempt to make the law "more palatable constitutionally."

In related developments, supporters of the civil rights approach to restricting pornography, originally framed by Minneapolis feminist law professor Catherine MacKinnon and New York author and activist Andrea Dworkin (see GCN, Vol. 11, No. 25), are planning to introduce similar legislation in other cities.

In Madison, Wisc., socialist lesbian Dane County Supervisor Kathleen Nichols told GCN that she is considering avenues for sponsoring legislation before the County Board of Supervisors or the Madison City Council.

Working with the Task Force on Prostitution and Pornography, which she called a local leftist feminist group with ties to Women Against Pornography groups in other cities, Nichols has drafted an ordinance based on the original Minneapolis measure. She said "overbroad and vague" language, such as "postures of sexual submission," have been revised to make the legislation more actionable and consistent with personal injury state law.

Asked to comment on the mobilization of fundamentalists behind the Indianapolis law, Nichols said that "extreme rightwingers see it as a club for pushing what I

view candidates for the job. On March 31, the committee met with the mayor to present their recommendations. The five finalists, according to LaCroix, were Maguire, Richard Burns, Kevin McFadden, Rosemary Dalton, and an attorney from New York State LaCroix declined to name.

In the period between the com-

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Flynn chose Maguire from a list of five finalists drawn up by a search committee of ten local lesbians and gay men. According to Jay LaCroix, Flynn's Director of Special Projects and chair of the search committee, the ten committee members met at least weekly between February 2 and March 31 to review applications and inter-

mittee's recommendation and the mayor's announcement of his decision, a number of individuals approached the mayor directly to lobby him on his decision. Nearly all of these people, according to LaCroix, spoke either for or against the appointment of Maguire. LaCroix and several

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see as repressive legislation in the future." She said, "I recognize the dangers . . . but if we don't apply ourselves as leftists to social realities, we'll get versions congruent with the Miller test [of obscenity], and you know what the first target of that is — your newspaper."

Nichols said that she had received "a flurry of calls" from Minneapolis urging her to act to "preempt" Indianapolis's enactment of the measure. She explained that "even though [the measure's] analysis is feminist, if it's only rightwingers behind it and only in conservative cities that it passes, it won't pass here. . . . It's not okay [in Madison] to behave like Indianapolis."

Nichols said she planned to introduce her proposal as soon as possible and expected hearings to be scheduled by late June or early July. However, due to Dane County's lack of home rule authority, passage of the measure may have to proceed through the Madison City Council. Nichols said she has not yet found a councilperson willing to sponsor the legislation in that body.

Repeated attempts to reach Catherine MacKinnon for comment were unsuccessful by press-time.

— filed from Chicago

News Notes

quotes of the week

"I don't know what there is about some men (and boys) that leads them to hate homosexuals with such brutal passion. I don't know what makes some of us think that the only proper response to a sexual advance from a homosexual is to punch him out. . . . But it isn't the role of the sentencing judge to explain our irrational fears. His job is to punish our violent behavior. Judge Nunzio didn't do his job, and it isn't just the gay community that ought to be outraged."

— Washington *Post* columnist William Raspberry, commenting on the light sentences handed down to two teenaged gaybashers. (See *GCN*, Vol. 11, No. 44.)

"'If I were a real woman, I would never know the ecstasy of being a man being a woman. If I were a woman, I could never experience the joy and pleasure of preparing myself to change roles.' Thus does Ed Cottle explain his transvestism in the May 5 issue of *Gay Community News*. This is an exquisite evocation of the dialectic."

— Alexander Cockburn, writing in *The Nation*, May 26, 1984.

gay rights lanced in lansing

LANSING, MI — Saying he represented "the vast majority of this city's population," the mayor of Lansing on May 18 vetoed a Fair Housing Ordinance because it contained protection for gay men and lesbians, according to the Lansing *State Journal*.

Mayor Terry McKane claimed his office received 150 to 175 calls a day running 3-1 in favor of a veto. The City Council had approved the measure 5-2 which would have prohibited housing discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In a prepared statement, McKane said, "It is possible that one of its effects might be to encourage and to give our official sanction to a lifestyle that many believe should not be considered a viable alternative lifestyle."

Although Council President Patrick Lindemann indicated he would attempt to garner support for an override of the veto, a poll of councilmembers showed at least three siding with McKane, enough to turn aside an override. And another councilmember said an override ballot would be "futile" without the assurance of the minimum six necessary votes.

Lansing was the fourth city in Michigan to approve a housing ordinance protecting gay people; the other three are Detroit, Ann Arbor, and neighboring East Lansing, home of Michigan State University. McKane said that he had researched the issue, but neglected to contact city officials in East Lansing because the college town is "a very different type of community. I don't think their experience would translate to the city."

gay rights go down to defeat in columbus

COLUMBUS, OH — The City Council here defeated by a 5-2 vote a bill banning employment discrimination against gay people, according to the Columbus *Citizen-Journal*. An hour-long debate was described as "emotional and hostile," and the Council's president spent the evening with gavel in hand, trying to maintain order in the chambers.

The ubiquitous Christian fundamentalists were opposed in presence and testimony by members of Columbus' Stonewall Union, a local gay/lesbian rights organization. Craig Covey, executive director of Stonewall, had predicted the measure's passage by a vote of 4-3.

When the debate and balloting were over, Covey was in tears and the Bible-thumpers were threatening Council President Jerry Hammond with a recall election. Hammond remained unperturbed and said the citizens of Columbus were well within their rights to attempt to recall him from office. Hammond, sponsor of the bill, was joined in his affirmative vote by Councilman John Maloney.

The debate was kicked off during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance when the bill's opponents shouted the words "one nation under God" and supporters shouted the words "with liberty and justice for all." A law professor from Ohio State University (OSU) and member of Stonewall Union, Douglas Whaley, told the council, "Like it or not, ten percent population is going to be gay and they are going to struggle with it."

Rhonda Rivera, another OSU law professor and attorney in several gay rights cases, declared, "We will be back every year. And we will remember exactly how everyone voted and defeat them."

lesbians can eat privately in public

SAN FRANCISCO — Two lesbians have won their court battle against a Los Angeles restaurant which refused to seat them in a private booth for "romantic evenings," according to the Orange County *Register*.

The California Supreme Court ruled on May 17 that gay and lesbian couples may not be barred from the private, curtained booths at the Papa Choux restaurant. The court let stand without comment a March 21 decision by a state Court of Appeal which had overturned a ruling by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Bruce Geernaert. Geernaert had refused to grant an injunction against the restaurant's heterosexuals-only policy regarding the booths. The Supreme Court ruled that the discrimination based on the women's sexual orientation violated the state's civil rights law, the Unruh Act.



a favor from the army

SEATTLE, WA — The U.S. Army discharged an openly gay non-commissioned officer whose efforts to stay in the service gained national attention and earned him an award from a gay and lesbian organization last year, according to the Washington *Blade*.

Sgt. Perry Watkins was discharged honorably on May 11 after the Army denied his most recent request for a rehearing on his case. Watkins maintained that he had never denied his homosexuality when he was drafted during the Vietnam War. Federal District Judge Barbara Rothstein ruled last year that the Army could not discharge him. But, on Dec. 9, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned Rothstein's order, saying the Court had no power to force Watkins' superiors to disobey Army regulations concerning the automatic discharge of lesbians and gay men.

The Army discharged Watkins just four years before he would have been eligible for full retirement benefits. Watkins said, "I'm glad it happened now instead of after 19 years and nine months, when I'd be only three months away from retirement. . . . The Army has done me a favor. They have forced me to rethink my life and to decide what I really want to do."

contest winner loses job

DALLAS — Although he won a gay beauty contest, a medical technician here lost his job after a photo of him in a swimsuit appeared recently in two area gay newspapers, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Danny White worked at Baylor University Medical Center, a Baptist hospital, for four years. He said it was "common knowledge I was gay. Everybody in the department knew."

But hospital spokeswoman Joyce Ross said White's homosexuality wasn't the issue. Ross explained White's dismissal as related to appearing in a magazine "in a way not acceptable to the religious beliefs of the Baptists." A woman employee of the hospital also faces dismissal for a similar offense to "the religious beliefs of the Baptists." White's photo was mailed anonymously to his supervisor.

Hospital officials maintain that hiring homosexuals is against church policy, but White says that the policy is not mentioned on the hospital's job applications, nor is it in the employee handbook. White was told by lawyers that he had no recourse because Texas has no law banning employment discrimination against gay people.

announcements and upcoming conferences

CAMBRIDGE — Want to be included in a **directory of local businesses and services provided by women?** Send your name, address, phone number and a brief description of the service you provide (including fees) to the Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge, MA 02139. Brochures and advertisements welcome.

SEATTLE — The *Newsletter*, a Seattle feminist/pacifist publication, is now distributing its **1984 tax resistance issue**. The ten pages are packed with information on methods and consequences of tax resistance, the Internal Revenue Service and resources for resisters; all this for a paltry 60¢. Write *Newsletter*, 331 17 Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98112.

NEW YORK — The Meridian Theatre is soliciting full-length or one-act plays for the **Fifth Annual Jane Chambers Memorial International Gay Playwriting Contest**, designed to encourage the writing of new gay and lesbian plays.

Submissions must be typed in English, with a cast breakdown, and bound in a folder with the author's name, address, and telephone number on the title page. All entries must be accompanied by a SASE. Musicals must be accompanied by a cassette tape of the score. Deadline for receipt of entries is October 1, 1984.

Contact the Meridian Theatre Playwrights and Directors Group, c/o Shandol Theatre, 137 West 22nd St., New York, NY 10011.

PUEBLO, CO — The **Twelfth Annual International Conference for Human Rights and Against Psychiatric Oppression** will be held on the campus of the University of Southern Colorado from June 1-5. Located in Pueblo are the Colorado State Hospital and the state's maximum security prisons. Organizers hope to stage public demonstrations at the nearby prisons and psychiatric facility during the conference.

Registration fee for the conference, including food and lodging for four nights and five days, is \$70. For information, contact the 12th Annual Conference Committee, P.O. Box 61307, Denver, CO 80206.

SAN FRANCISCO — The annual national conference of the **National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs** will be held in San Francisco on the weekend preceding the Democratic National Convention, July 13 and 14. The agenda includes a final review of the Platform Committee's report, an updated analysis of the Democratic presidential candidates and plans for the general election campaign. While only member organizations will be eligible to vote, all interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, contact the Association at 1742 Massachusetts Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003.

MIAMI — The Universal Fellowship of **Metropolitan Community Churches** and **Dignity International** will hold simultaneous international conferences in Ft. Lauderdale/Miami July 19-26, 1987. Other religious groups that provide positive ministry to gay and lesbian people are invited to hold their conferences at the same time. For more information, contact Dignity at (202) 861-0017, or the Metropolitan Community Churches at (213) 464-5100.

NEW YORK — The first annual **Northeast Regional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews** will take place August 24-26 on the Appel Farm in Elmer, New Jersey. The registration fee is \$74, including all meals and dormitory accommodations. For information, write to: Northeast Regional Conference, P.O. Box 684, 464 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NY — The **Autonomous Institute** of the 1984 National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) conference will coordinate a series of activities on June 26 which are relevant to the concerns of women of color/third world women, lesbians, students, Jewish women, poor and working class white women and disabled women.

The Autonomous Institute was created during the fifth NWSA conference in Ohio, June 1983 when an ad-hoc coalition presented a resolution to the delegate assembly proposing the institute. The purpose of the institute is to organize a portion of the conference program highlighting those issues which have been inadequately represented in past conferences.

For more information, contact Juanita Ramos/Mirtha Quintales at 170 Ave. C, New York, NY 10009.

Forum Assesses Abortion Rights Crisis

By Janice Irvine

BOSTON — "I saw the flyer which read, 'Abortion rights at risk in 1984' and it seemed that we could change 1984 to any year, and change abortion rights to almost anything," said Leslie Cagan, national program coordinator for Mobilization for Survival (Mobe). Cagan spoke on a panel sponsored by Mobe and the Reproductive Rights National Network (R2N2) on May 16 in Boston to discuss the proposed statewide anti-abortion referendum which may appear on the Massachusetts ballot in November.

The proposed amendment (H5452) reads: "The General Court (legislature) may regulate or prohibit abortion and may regulate or prohibit private or public funding of abortion or the provision of services or facilities therefore." If a majority of voters approve the measure, it will become state law.

The anti-abortion referendum epitomizes the on-going siege against the reproductive rights movement. Marlene Fried of R2N2 said, "Abortion rights are in perpetual danger and perpetual crisis. The Supreme Court decision came down at 10:00 and from 10:01, there was a crisis."

Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision on Jan. 22, 1973 which legalized abortion, stipulates that abortion cannot be made criminal, but individual states have the power to regulate it

and to restrict funding. Over the years, then, anti-abortion forces have successfully eroded abortion rights by curtailing both access and funding and these issues are most threatened by the November referendum.

Nancy Gertner, an attorney, said that passage of the referendum would most likely result in the elimination both of Medicaid funding for abortion and the availability of abortions at public hospitals in Massachusetts. Poor women, teenagers and third world women will be the most severely affected by the law.

Elena Rizas, an activist in the Hispanic community, noted that poor, third world women often do not speak English, lack financial resources and don't have access to birth control, and so, frequently turn to abortion to avoid unwanted children. Rizas gave several examples of "...young mothers who are overwhelmed with being mothers. We have to really support these women and provide safe and legal abortion."

Although the focus of the panel was the proposed anti-abortion amendment, most speakers acknowledged that the issue is broader. Susan Levene of Mobe and moderator of the panel, noted that this is a political test case in a state that is thought of as having a liberal tradition.

"This is the first popular vote taken to curtail abortion rights. It

could strengthen and legitimate a right wing program which both attacks the gains made by women, gays and lesbians, people of color, and labor, and which vehemently supports American militarism.... Abortion rights are not simply one more choice, but something that changes the nature of all our choices," Levene said.

The reproductive rights movement has not been confined to the abortion issue, but has challenged many aspects of society. The challenge in organizing to oppose the referendum, then, is to emphasize the connections between abortion rights and other political issues.

Leslie Cagan cautioned, however, that pro-abortion activists need to move beyond a shopping list of important issues and reach a deeper level of "...understanding how the same things keep getting on that list. It's no accident." Cagan urged an exploration of the links between anti-militarism and abortion rights, for example, as a means of understanding broader use and abuse of power.

"At its core, the struggle for abortion and reproductive rights is about sexual politics....challenging the power dynamics between men and women.... We can challenge other power dynamics by unraveling this web of power and control," she said.

Similarly Wally Sillanpoa, a gay man who has been active in the re-

productive rights movement, emphasized that abortion rights are a man's issue. He said, "...the same hateful motivations informing the anti-abortionists are cut from the same ideological cloth that is used to contain and control people of color here and abroad, to browbeat and bash lesbians and gay men...[and to promote] militarism and murder in Central America.... Men who march for peace and third world liberation, who defiantly lie down in front of nuclear power plants and military installations are being only half true to themselves and their ideals if they don't also march with

women for reproductive rights and risk arrest, if necessary, to ensure and expand full reproductive freedom."

In particular, Sillanpoa urged gay men to join in the fight for reproductive freedom. He noted that women and gay men share a common fight against the same enemy, and said that during the AIDS crisis, feminists have been the staunchest allies of gay men. "Before the AIDS crisis, how many gay men were ready to listen to women, to fight with women for our common and fundamental needs for reproductive and sexual

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News Analysis

The Anti-Abortion Amendments

By Stephanie Poggi

Proposed Anti-Abortion Amendments To The Massachusetts State Constitution

H5452 (formerly S1711): "The General Court (Legislature) may regulate or prohibit abortion and may regulate or prohibit private or public funding of abortion or the provision of services or facilities therefor."

This amendment, sponsored by Rep. Paul White (D-Dorchester) passed in Constitutional Convention (joint session of the Massachusetts House and Senate) on January 3, 1983 by a vote of 113 to 56. It must pass the Convention by a majority again this year to be placed on the statewide ballot as a referendum in November. If passed by the voters, it becomes a part of the State Constitution.

H673: "Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent the General Court (Legislature) from regulating or prohibiting abortion unless prohibited by the United States Constitution, nor shall anything in this Constitution require public or private funding of abortion, or the provision of services or facilities therefor, beyond that required by the United States Constitution."

On May 8, this amendment, also sponsored by Rep. White, was put on the agenda for the upcoming 1984 Constitutional Convention scheduled for June 13. Because it must pass the Convention in two consecutive legislative sessions, it can not appear on the statewide ballot until 1986.

In what looks like a diversionary tactic to many pro-abortion activists, abortion opponents in Massachusetts insist they are no longer interested in passage of the original amendment (H5452), the only anti-abortion amendment that could become law this year. While both amendments strike primarily at state Medicaid funding for abortions, "right-to-lifers" claim that the new version (H673) is superior, because it directly overturns the 1981 Moe decision by the state's Supreme Judicial Court. The Moe decision held that the state Constitution could not require Medicaid funding for childbirth without also requiring Medicaid for abortions. Massachusetts is currently one of only 13 states that still provides state Medicaid for abortions. No federal Medicaid funds for abortion are available. The new version may also be less legally troublesome than the original as it explicitly respects the limits of the U.S. Constitution.

If abortion opponents do intend to push an amendment through this year, they have done remarkably little to prepare themselves. No testimony was offered for the original version on May 8. Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the largest anti-abortion organization in the state, has never included information about the amendment in its membership newsletters or direct mail packets, and made no mention of it as the annual anti-abortion convention held in November

of last year. In fact, state anti-abortion leaders and activists seem far more interested in clinic harassment, euphemistically called "side-walk counseling," than in electoral politics.

The more cynical, however, remain suspicious. Constitutional conventions are notoriously slippery affairs, and Paul White is equally infamous. During the last Convention, held January 3, 1983, the new version was proposed, discussed, and then substituted at the last minute by the amendment we face this year. Clearly, Paul White and others made an informed, deliberate choice to proceed with the original amendment.

The vote itself was taken minutes before the 1982-1983 session closed, a sure sign that legislators wanted to see a ballot item in 1984. And, although the original amendment is not presently on the agenda for June 13, it can easily be added, or substituted again for the new version once the joint session is convened. Many legislators admitted that they had voted before reading the actual wording of the anti-abortion amendment on January 3. Moreover, under convention rules, the rules themselves may be rescinded at any time.

Reproductive rights supporters may have no option but to prepare for a campaign against an anti-abortion amendment on the ballot this November.

Gay Conservatives Meet

By Jim Ryan

WASHINGTON, DC — Over 80 gay men and lesbians who have been active in Republican and conservative politics met May 14 in a Washington suburb under a shroud of secrecy to discuss the establishment of an educational foundation called Concerned Americans for Individual Rights.

Bruce Decker, the owner of Cypress Association, a San Francisco-based political consulting firm, spokesman for the new group, said it will "act to balance the effect of the New Right on the Republican Party when it comes to gay issues." He said the organization's purpose will be to "correct

the misconceptions [about] gay men and women among the press and moderate to conservative political leaders and groups."

Decker emphasized that the organization's efforts will be aimed at educating conservatives about gay issues, not educating gay men and lesbians on conservative issues. He does not foresee, for example, the organization's trying to raise support in the gay and lesbian community for Reagan or other conservative candidates in November: "As a foundation, we will be precluded from supporting or opposing legislation or individual candidates for public

office." But, Decker hopes the organization will provide a home for "gay men and lesbians with conservative views who see no contradiction between our lifestyle and our philosophy."

To meet its educational aims, Decker said the organization will establish an office in Washington this summer, complete with a library. Then, the group will begin to sponsor symposia and forums on issues such as employment discrimination, gay men and lesbians in the military and security agencies, and homosexuality in religion. The group will also begin meeting with Republican and conservative members of Congress and conservative writers and journalists. Finally, organizers hope to launch an ad campaign in major newspapers and periodicals.

At the meeting last week, some \$15,000 was raised to start the group with plans to raise \$150,000 by the end of the year.

Washington was abuzz with rumors last week about who had attended the meeting. According to reports, former Republican campaign officials, key staff members of Congressional leaders, corporate executives, and conservative political organizers were among those present. It was, as one commentator put it, a "veritable collection of who's who in the closet."

Of the participants, only three would release their names to the public; Decker, former Maryland congressman Robert Bauman, and local gay Republican Robert Roehr. Decker dismissed charges that the foundation's efforts will be undermined by the inability of its organizers to be open: "Within any organization, there are always people whose roles of visibility vary. Over time I think you'll see a greater willingness on the part of our members to be open."

Decker said that the organization will be holding additional planning meetings over the summer in Dallas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. He urged interested persons to contact the group at P.O. Box 15145, Washington, DC 20003.

Quarantine Bill Passes In Connecticut

By Christine Guilfoyle

HARTFORD, CT — A revised version of the Connecticut quarantine law has passed both the House and the Senate and awaits action by that state's governor. The bill, which was introduced as a result of the highly publicized case of a woman alleged to be a prostitute who also allegedly had AIDS, was passed by the Connecticut House on May 2, and the Senate on May 9. (See *GCN* Vol. 11, No. 35 and Vol. 11, No. 42.)

William Sering, a spokesperson for Gov. William A. O'Neill told *GCN* that the governor has not yet received the completed bill and has not made a decision as to what action he will take.

However, Rep. Richard Tulisano, who introduced the bill, told *GCN* that he believes the bill has a good chance to be signed into law because "the Health Department supports the bill and the general public supports the bill." He said his bill is an improvement on existing laws, in that it tightens them and provides for better due process protections for people who are ordered quarantined.

The bill confers upon local boards of health the authority to confine a person:

- who is infected with a communicable disease;
- who poses a substantial threat to the public health;
- when confinement is necessary as the least restrictive alternative in the protection of the public health.

Confinement would take effect immediately upon the order by the board and any appeal would have to be heard within 72 hours of confinement.

Tulisano emphasized that the bill "does not mention a specific condition" and added, "This may or may not affect somebody with AIDS. The reason we looked into it was because of [publicity around AIDS.] [But] if doctors testify that [AIDS] is not communicable under these circumstances, then nobody can be put away under it."

While Tulisano labelled fears about possible misuses of the bill as "paranoia," some activists believe that the atmosphere of misinformation out of which the bill arose makes it suspect.

As *GCN* went to press, activists who have followed developments had not yet seen the final draft.

— filed from Boston

Community Voices

success in mexico

Dear *GCN*,

We do really appreciate your wonderful cooperation in publishing my letter, and I am sure that we will get some letters to support our 41,000 signatures against police repression and extortion. By the way, I have good news for you. After going in a parade to the "Delgacion Cuauhtemoch" and later to the "Palacio Legislativo" (where the Senators and Deputies Chambers are), and after many publications in newspapers and on the radio, we finally got it. Yes!!! *The police have stopped the razzias (raids) since March 29*, and the police chief is requested to appear at the Deputies Chamber to explain the why of the raids and police extortion. Hard to believe it, but true, we got it. So no more fear in walking night time or going to bars, well at least for the time being.

Now we keep on preparing the celebration of June "Gay Month" in Mexican cities. First we are having a very busy week in Guadalajara from June 1st to the 10th. All the groups are participating, and we will decide up there what other activities to do, ending with the 6th Gay Pride March on June 30th.

My goodness this letter is very bad written, but I don't know what is wrong with me this morning, seem that my English is not good at all. But I want you to have this letter the sooner the better, to inform you the Police reaction and to thank you very much for your cooperation.

Jorge A. de Nueva Batalla
Mexico D.F., Mexico

leathermen & chi-chi queens

Dear *GCN*,

Our prison is new and we are supposed to support and form various groups among ourselves. I'd like to start a lesbian/gay support team here. It seems gays in prison are sometimes hassled and if you have support from others, it makes it a lot easier. I'd like to have some pointers on how to go about it. I have always been rather a leader though I get nervous about guiding others when I don't completely understand what I'm doing myself. I believe that if somebody is homosexual, it doesn't have to be hidden or make you embarrassed. I'd appreciate some ideas on discussions or ways of dealing with our lives in this heterosexual society.

Also, I've been bi for almost 6½ years, though I've been 'in the closet' until recently. My family and 'friends' didn't approve while I was young and living with them. But now I'm an adult and my own person, so I'm no longer afraid to be boisterous about it. My point is that I'm often asked the definitions of some gay phrases (transvestite, transexual, etc.) and occasionally I don't know the meanings. Is there such a thing as a gay dictionary? (Smile!) One or two definitions I don't know are 'leathermen' and 'chi-chi queens'. Can you define them?

Again thank you for the extra pleasures your paper brings now to us in prison. There are even some non-gay ladies who enjoy reading it.

Cheryl A. McRoberts,
19223, Hosp. Dr. No. 23,
Orofino, ID 83544

"antisocial"

Dear Dear *GCN*,

Well, they finally did it folks. I went to my hospital's "disposition hearing" (that's where the hospital decides/announces what disposition they will have at your release hearing) and they could not go for my release (never thought they would).

What makes me too dangerous for release? One of my worst crimes, they said, was the fact that I danced with my lover at a hospital dance. They makes me "antisocial" and still a danger to society. Since I can't follow structured hospital rules (there were others dancing and there is no explicit rule that two men can't dance; I mean, we are in the nut house, for gawd sake, where most of us are totally gay anyway!), I would thus be pushing society's limits/rules if let out.

GCN spends a tremendous amount of energy defending and just plain dealing with gay prisoners. The thought that comes to my mind is, what about those of us "trapped" in forensic divisions of mental hospitals, most likely for being nothing more than gay (in the wrong place at the wrong time).

While those of us in hospitals may have it 'easy' when it comes to the physical violence and horrible living conditions of prisons, we do our living hell with psychological abuse. Which is far tougher to resist.

GCN has been very loving toward me and many of us prisoners and 'patients'. You are wonderful people and I hope your attitude towards us will never change. Such a boost every week [getting the paper] is the high spot of many of our lives, believe me!

Thanks!
An Inmate
(Name withheld by request;
for fear of retribution -ed.)

Staff Good-byes

Belated thanks and farewell to Managing Editor Cindy Patton, who is leaving *GCN* to devote more time to freelance writing. Cindy had the dubious pleasure of taking over as managing editor (after being features editor for a year) just before the fire of 1982 burned down *GCN*'s Bromfield Street offices. Trial by fire indeed.

This issue also marks the end of Nancy Walker's reign as classified advertising manager. Nancy came in to volunteer one Thursday evening eight years ago and has been with the paper ever since. How do you say good-bye to an institution? We'll miss you.

aids and vitamin c

Dear Editor:

What your doctor doesn't know about AIDS could kill you. I am writing because I am deeply concerned at the ostrich-stance being assumed by the medical profession regarding the known and proven preventive and healing power of ascorbic acid, commonly known as Vitamin C. The research *has* been done, and *is* available, yet the American Medical Establishment, by and large, chooses to first ignore, and then deny its usefulness. In the face of the AIDS crisis, this is criminal behavior, in my view.

Skeptics (and those genuinely interested) should read thoroughly the two following books which are written by outstanding biochemists, who detail the *medical*, and other, documented research which the Establishment chooses to ignore. To be able to protect ourselves, in the face of professed Medical helplessness, we *must* be informed:

Pauling, Linus C. Vitamin C, the Common Cold & the Flu. New York, Berkeley Books, 1981.

Stone, Irwin. The Healing Factor: "Vitamin C" Against Disease. New York, Perigee Books, 1982.

The biological applications which they report are virtually *limitless*. Ascorbic acid has been used successfully against viral hepatitis, but Medicine still refuses to acknowledge this. We must be free to save ourselves when our doctors fail us. I have been in touch with the Linus Pauling Institute, in Palo Alto, Calif., several times about the AIDS situation. Dr. Ewan Cameon, co-author with Dr. Pauling of a book about Vitamin C and cancer, is willing to discuss the matter with anyone who telephones or writes. They are suggesting that on the basis of known effectiveness, 10 grams as a daily dose should give adequate protection against AIDS. Dr. Cameron reports of cases of Kaposi's sarcoma which have been controlled by a dose of 20 grams of ascorbate, daily. (this can be in the form of powdered ascorbic acid or sodium or calcium ascorbate). Despite some dire suggestions about kidney stones and other horrors which are hinted at by the Medical Establishment, there are no known side-effects of large doses — in normal people — except a mild laxative effect in some people. Surely this is safer than doing nothing, as we are being led to believe we must.

The Pauling Institute information follows:
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Linus Pauling Institute of Science & Medicine
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Sincerely,
Jim Bradford
Past President
Mattachine Midwest
Chicago, IL

Pride

Big doin's on tap for Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in your town? Tell the world! Send us your b/w photos and a brief summary of Pride events. You and your friends will become a part of the gay liberation movement's history by being included in *GCN*'s annual national Pride summary. Don't be shy, show us your pride! Deadline is June 25. Please include a contact name and phone number. Mail to: Pride Editor, *GCN*, 167 Tremont, Boston, 02111.

peace uproar

Dear *GCN*,

The European peace movement was given a jolt the week of April 16 when an outspoken North American resident of one Dutch peace camp confessed he was a CIA plant. John Paul Gardiner, aged 42, had been living at the peace camp at Woensdrecht — an American army base where 42 cruise missiles are to be sited, if the Dutch Parliament allows deployment. Gardiner described himself to other residents of the camp as being a former advisor to the South Vietnamese Army in guerilla warfare, who had committed himself to the peace movement after participating in the first peace march on the Pentagon.

Gardiner, who was viewed by other activists at Woensdrecht as an energetic spokesperson, planner and executer of various actions at the base, now claims that he had to reveal his identity because of the relationships he had developed with other activists. "I have never been so close to people as here at the camp", he said. "It's very difficult to betray people who've welcomed you, accepted you and trusted you".

Gardiner claims that in December 1983 he was given orders to infiltrate the Woensdrecht Peace Camp because the CIA suspected that it was being financed by the Russians. Gardiner lived at the camp for five months, during which time he claims to have provided information concerning actions planned at the camp to two Dutch agents and a contact at the American Embassy — Rob Blackburn.

Other activists now say that recently Gardiner had come under their suspicion when a number of secretly planned actions were spoiled by the presence of Dutch police. In the planning of a recent action, Gardiner was given a false location for where the action would occur. Police arrived at the false location, which only Gardiner had been given. Gardiner is now said to be hiding in Germany, supposedly because he fears CIA reprisals.

In the wake of this event are strong sentiments of fear, suspicion and doubt. As an American student doing my thesis on the peace movement, I am feeling the repercussions of the event quite acutely. For the past three months, my studies have been made easier through the generous and trusting offerings of the European peace activists I've met. Names, addresses and phone numbers were given to me regularly and I was warmly invited to attend many organizational meetings, stay in people's homes and be an active participant in various peace camps.

In the week that the Gardiner story broke, I was to conduct an interview with a Dutch peace activist and go to Woensdrecht for several days, where I also planned to interview people and record my experiences. My interview was mysteriously cancelled without explanation and in attempting to get directions to the camp, I was "strongly advised" by the Woensdrecht contact in Amsterdam not to go there. At this point, no one is giving me contacts, nor telling me their full names on the phone, and my work is virtually at a standstill.

Trust is the foundation of any grassroots movement. In the peace movement, we do not have the resources to establish communication other than through letters or word of mouth. In many ways this is our greatest strength as well as our weakness, because our networking is far more personal than a computerized roster.

The festering suspicions and doubt which I've encountered since the Gardiner event are, I believe, exactly what the CIA would hope to create in the peace movement, because it could mean our collapse. This is not to say that I blame the activists at Woensdrecht for the current hesitancy towards American visitors — I think that is quite legitimate. However it is vital for American peace activists to realize how difficult it is to establish good connections in the first place — after all it is the American cruise missile deployment that is currently the main issue of the European movement.

When an event like this occurs, the tenuous trust between European and American activists can be easily shattered. It is highly appropriate and timely for members of the American peace movement to make our voices heard in Europe. A show of solidarity and outrage at this horrendous violation, and a general attempt to increase cross-Atlantic networking will not only enforce our mutual strength, but will also decrease the likelihood of further incidents of this nature.

Julie Maya Stoil
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

feminists and the right

Dear Friends:

I was shocked and saddened to see feminist lesbians campaigning with the right wing to further suppress our civil rights. We have struggled so hard to defend our basic freedoms. The state has enough control of our lives. As adults, let us censor what we read, not those who are flexing their political muscle to dictate what we may enjoy.

Love and gay pride,
Lisa Kamienieckie
Provincetown, MA

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Community Voices

outrageous drivelt

Dear Sir(s) & Mlle(s)!

I realize that the editors of *GCN* feel honor-bound to publish opinion from all quarters. All the same, the piece appearing in this column in the May 5 issue (*In Support of Kathy Boudin*) contained so much silliness that this reader must register a comment. I'll keep it short.

The ladies who signed the piece argued that Miss Boudin, having participated in a robbery and shootout of a Brink's truck, should not been arrested, held, prosecuted or convicted of any crime, although four people were killed in the action. The ladies are aggrieved that those arrested have been described as "violence-crazed terrorists," although when four people are killed it is arguably fair to speak of violence. And when the violence is done for admittedly political purposes the word we usually attach to that is "terrorism."

When referring to this violence the ladies adopt a lofty tone and refer to it as a tragedy. This is incorrect. It was not a tragedy, it was felony murder which is very unpleasant, not at all like Hamlet. As this often very turgid prose proceeds we are supposed to be persuaded that Mlle. Boudin should be forgiven of her transgression because she is: 1. a woman, 2. a revolutionist, and because the accused culprits "bombed no civilian population, committed no nineteen-year olds to war, . . . destabilized no popular government, cut off no foodstamps. . . ." and so on. After reading such outrageous drivelt it's clear that either the ladies are pretty dopey or they surely believe the readers of the *GCN* are.

One may be for or against government policy (I'm usually much opposed), but surely no-one with any sense accepts that as a plea for justified armed robbery and murder.

Sincerely,
Robert Mittenbuhler
Manchester, VT

women's pool tournament

(*GCN received a copy of this letter which was sent to the editor of Bay Windows—Ed.*)

To the editor:

Your coverage of the 1983-84 Women's Pool Tournament was about as enlightening as the pseudo-tiffany lamps that illuminate the pool tables on which the tournament was played.

We are writing collectively to demand a retraction and equally prominent clarification of the article in Vol. 2 No. 8 April 12-25, 1984 that misrepresented the 1270 as Tournament Champions. Our intent is to make the real facts known to you, your readers and your colleagues in the local gay and lesbian print media, and to encourage you in print to give credit where credit is due.

It was established by representatives of all four teams (Somewhere Else, The Marquee, Randolph Country Club and the 1270) prior to the start of the season that the cash prizes would go to the two teams with the highest cumulative point scores out of a possible 96, and further, that the title for the Tournament would go to the first place team for having accumulated the highest score over the 12-week season. It was also agreed upon by majority vote that post-season playoffs would be "FOR FUN ONLY," as documented on the attached team roster and statement of Tournament rules which was submitted by each team after the second week of play. The 1270 did not win the title, as it was never determined that "the league title would be decided by the playoffs," regardless if that be the case in any other organized sporting competition. The attached copy of the roster submitted by the 1270, representing their acknowledgement of the statement "PLAYOFF GAMES FOR FUN ONLY," should clarify the facts of the matter.

Your misrepresentation of the 1270 as Tournament Champion slighted both the women of Somewhere Else, uncontested Tournament Champions, and the second place Marquee, by not acknowledging their accomplishments in proper context. Your acceptance and publication of inaccurate information, if not selective, self-serving articles is perhaps indicative of the insularity of your sources. At no point were we contacted or interviewed regarding the events of the season.

We fully expect that you will clarify the facts as we have presented them and in so doing acknowledge the players of Somewhere Else as uncontested owners of the 1983-84 Women's Pool Tournament Title. We realize that "opinions offered in signed articles are those of the writers," but ask that you evaluate your editorial policy regarding the definition of printed opinion versus printed fact.

We sincerely hope that in the future your coverage of women's sports will be informed by interviews with or articles solicited from more than one self-aggrandizing participant.

Sincerely
Rita Markunas, Manager, 1983-84 Somewhere Else Pool Team
Jan Welsh, Manager, 1983-84 Marquee Pool Team
Jen Brine, Manager, 1983-84 Randolph Country Club Pool Team
Linda Sears, Manager, Somewhere Else Boston, MA

seeing red

Dear *GCN*:

I've loved and defended you for years, no matter what. But I just read Hugh Murray's interminable, incoherent, and in many places inaccurate article in your May 12 issue ("Lavender Blindness and Seeing Red") and I found it hard to believe my eyes.

Murray would have been well enough qualified to write a concise, five-times-shorter article on his own experience within the Communist Party and as a research assistant to Herbert Aptheker. Fine. But to ramble on, as he does, about the entire history of the Western World, starting from classical Greece, and without even much regard for historical accuracy? Doesn't *GCN* have an editor?

Several points: It's absurdly illogical to argue, as Murray does, that just because Marx believed in a forward progression of history, he was therefore disparaging homosexuality, which was more present in ancient Greek society than in later feudal society. That's what his case against Marx amounts to, and it allows him to conclude sweepingly that "Marxism is . . . inherently anti-gay." Similarly he refers to "Communism" and "The Communist Parties" throughout the article as though "Communism" were a concrete block from a mold, absolutely the same everywhere and at all times. This is thinking worthy of Reagan.

As for Bill Bailey, the seaman who appears both in *Seeing Red* and in *The Good Fight*, it's especially distressing to see Murray disparage this fine man as a homophobe on the sole grounds that he uses the word "gay" in the sense of "merry or happy." So do millions of other people of his generation (he's in his 70's), because "gay" as we know it is a recent word. So what? This is the kind of aimless mania that finds homophobia under every rock. There are far better places to look.

It was sad to see the man ramble on so, grinding such a variety of axes; but sadder that *GCN* saw fit to print it all.

With love nevertheless,
Dan Bellm
Brooklyn, NY

P.S. Langston Hughes never joined the Communist Party, as Murray claimed.

snow on the roof fire in the furnace

Dear *GCN*,

I must admit I am the Western Elder. Ancient in years, maybe but young in spirit and heart. And I've still got a heap of love and knowledge to share with my younger brothers and sisters.

It's a lot easier to be open now than when I first admitted to myself that I was gay.

During the 24 years I've spent here in Florence [Arizona prison], I've always admitted to being myself. If they don't like me for being me, they can all turn around, and we both will be able to enjoy the view. I've had a lot of good, straight friends here. I've also had a good many gay friends. But they come and go.

We have about 25 honest, open gays in East Unit. (Pop. 500 bodies). We have many gays who claim to be so macho. They only take on the good-looking young boys to "protect them!" And use them until a new one comes along. When any one gives me any hassle about being gay, I've got at least 100 friends to come to my aid. Both gay and straight.

I might have snow on the roof, but I've still got fire in the furnace. And I've still got a lot of love to share.

Most of my friends are younger than I. But I've always been around younger people. I also taught school, cooking and baking, and when I left the Navy I taught metaphysics, which I still do, when given the opportunity.

I appreciate your offer of books, but I know others could use them, more than I can. I make dutch hook rugs and wall hangings for my money. So I manage to take care of my needs. (Coffee, stamps, a book or two, now and then, paper and envelopes; and my Bugler smoking tobacco). Although I would like to have a younger penpal, if one would be interested in sharing thoughts, ideas and letters with this ancient one, I will answer any and all letters. Also we can usually receive mail from other prisoners.

I've had several court actions against our mail room to allow this exchange of letters between prisoners in other states.

Today the spring winds are "gusting" at 69 mph! Really strong, in fact it blew the post holes right out of the ground! I figure they will land in West Texas.

You all be careful! Love you all,
Ron (Granny) Goodyear
27270 E.U. C-4-10
Florence, AZ 85232

organizing in texas

Dear *GCN*,

After reading other prisoners input from TDC [Texas Dept. of Corrections], I decided to write to you on a few things that concern those incarcerated within the walls of this institution as your paper is now starting to get into TDC most of the time.

Discrimination towards gays and those convicted of "sex crimes" here in this system is very rampant. If a person who has been convicted of a sex offense applies to the classification committee for a furlough, in general that person's request is denied at the unit level by the warden. Open gays (whether they've been convicted of a sex offense or not) get no consideration for getting out on furlough. I personally have been to the warden 14 times for furlough and been turned down every time for the same reason ("sex offender", for having consensual sex with a 15-year-old).

This is why I am writing you at the Gay Community News. I would like to hear from all those prisoners of TDC that have the following:

- (1) All who have applied for furlough over 5 times and have been turned down for "present offense".
- (2) All who have been turned down that have a completely clean disciplinary record.
- (3) All who have been incarcerated in TDC that have clean and clear records that are openly gay and have been refused.

It is my intention to file a class action suit against TDC for discrimination against "gays" and "sex offenders", but I need this information to get some idea of how much of this is going on in TDC now.

Also, there is now hope for the removal of the "Mandatory Supervision" clause of the parole board. For those interested, I have information that two Ft. Worth attorneys (Lee Ann Dauphinot and Danny Byrns, 100 Main St., Suite C, Ft. Worth TX 76102) are working with prisoners to get them off mandatory supervision.

This is most important to a prisoner in Texas as Texas still uses the Plantation system and an inmate is not paid for work performed here. All good time that accrues during incarceration is taken away from him upon his release. By removing this stipulation of mandatory supervision, a prisoner released on parole will only be responsible for the remaining time on the sentence that he has. The Texas prisoner who writes with a valid complaint should let me know where he is (the unit) and what has happened to him or his complaint. I would ask that all information be printed so that I can forward it to the attorneys that are handling it.

If I may, in response to your letter to prisoners [GCN yearly update letter to all prisoner readers], I would like to comment on the "head games" that other prisoners complain of. I have found many times that there are persons in the "freeworld" that are interested in helping a prisoner, but when that person begins to see what really has to be done for a prisoner to get out and what parole involves, they back off and drop the prisoner. This is also true of the prisoner telling the individual that he is writing to, "lies" that catch up with him or her. There is a gross misunderstanding of sorts on the individual's part who is corresponding with the prisoner. *There is no easy way out of prison.* You are sent here to do time and the appeals processes and the attitudes of people in society toward prisoners are likely to drain a prisoner of whatever (little) he or she may have had before being put in and of their resources for making a living when they get out as well. It is this expense and the affect of these attitudes that makes coming out so hard and that people who've never been inside don't seem to understand.

It is prison that will take a person who was mild mannered, quiet and even a thinking individual and turn them around. It is dog eat dog in prison. Support through mail, visits, and even *some small* amounts of money to satisfy personal needs that really helps prisoners. It is this set of needs that have to be satisfied every day (by all of us, no?).

Most of this letter is compiled from my own experiences with TDC. My own case may or may not be overturned in court, but the discrimination against gays in the Texas prisons will continue on in the future unless all those that are here, plus the "closet cases" get together and fight for what rights are due them. It will take long hard hours and many days of court room fighting and consciousness raising on the part of all the people in our community, but I know it can be done.

Yours in the struggle,
Lester Boutwell
293294
Wynne Unit B-1-4-6
Huntsville, TX 77349

Speak Your Mind! In Community Voices

Gay Community News welcomes letters to Community Voices. If at all possible, your letters should be TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED and kept to three pages (or less!) in length.

If you stick with us . . .

you can become a member of the lesbian and gay movement's newspaper of record.

The *Gay Community News* was first published in June, 1973, just prior to Boston's annual lesbian and gay pride march, and has published weekly since. Initially a mimeographed newsletter and calendar, *GCN* was started by a group of lesbian and gay activists who needed a better way to communicate with each other and the community. The newsletter soon grew into a 16-page tabloid, with its own office and (under-) paid staff. *GCN* has always seen its purpose as providing a forum for discussion of the many issues important to our diverse community, as well as providing the news and features essential to developing an informed and politically active lesbian and gay community.

GCN has always been operated as a non-profit collective depending heavily on the input of an active volunteer membership and elected Board of Directors. Anyone demonstrating an active and extended commitment to working on *GCN* can become a member and help determine the policy and direction of the paper through monthly membership meetings. We *need* volunteers in order to get the paper out each week and, equally important, to maintain the broad base of perspectives that makes us a *community* newspaper.

Being a community newspaper means that *GCN* is not an organ of any person, business, or movement faction. *GCN* attempts to serve a politically and geographically diverse lesbian and gay community. We need your input in letters, Speaking Outs, articles, news tips, volunteer time, and money. If you have always wondered what it was like to work with a committed group of lesbians and gay men on a newspaper, give us a call. Below are some of the areas where we especially need volunteers:

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Birmingham Hosts Southeastern Conference

By Ollie Lee Taylor

BIRMINGHAM, AL — Over 200 gay men and lesbians attended the ninth annual Southeastern Lesbian and Gay Conference, April 12-15. Keynote speeches and workshops highlighted the conference theme of "Pulling Together and Reaching Out."

Birmingham's Mayor Richard Arrington greeted conference-goers and welcomed them to the city. Arrington, Birmingham's first black mayor, now in his second term, noted the city has changed in the past 20 years, both economically and socially. He alluded to the racial strife for which Birmingham became notorious in the '60s, saying all groups in the city now have input into policy-making. Arrington praised organizing by the city's gay and lesbian community and said that gay men and lesbians have "made significant contributions to the maturation of this city."

Mike Rutherford, the executive director of the Gay Press Association, said the 400 or so print and electronic media outlets which make up the country's gay press reach an estimated 2.5 million people. He urged people to read the gay press, offer constructive criticism, and to pass publications on to friends.

Abby Rubinfeld, managing attorney of New York's Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, focused on legal issues affecting gay people in the South:

"If you go into court as a gay man or lesbian on any sort of issue in a southern state or any state that has a sodomy law, you are going to be faced with that law.... The label 'criminal' has been attached to us." She said that AIDS is used to defend sodomy laws: "It comes up in custody and visitation cases, even those involving lesbians. It is basically a cover for old-fashioned homophobia."

Virginia Apuzzo told the audience that "politics without education is investing in a reaction, in a backlash and in failure. We are just learning a bit about politics. We haven't gotten to base one in learning about government. Politics alone will not solve all our problems."

Despite this disclaimer, Apuzzo went on to say, "If women, third world people, gays and lesbians, people of conscience, get involved in this [year's election], then we will have a change in 1984. The change just won't be the Presidency. The change will involve saving the Supreme Court from becoming a nineteenth century vestige of values."

Tom Chorlton, executive director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, delivered a speech at a banquet hosted by the political action committee of the Privacy Rights Organization. Chorlton paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, who, while incarcerated in Birm-

ingham, wrote his now-famous response to criticisms of the methods used in the civil rights struggle, "The Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Chorlton recalled King's observation that "we'll reach the goal of freedom in Birmingham and all over the nation because the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be, our destiny is tied up with America's destiny."

Chorlton said the destinies of gay men and lesbians are addressed "as clearly and as directly as any other group in this country. The cruelest and most dangerous thrust of all is to deny a people their history. Just in the last ten years, this is something we are all coming to understand. I think in Dr. King's eloquent words speaking to his black brothers and sisters, it speaks to the heart of our own community and to that history which we have denied so long."

More than 40 different workshops and symposiums were conducted at the conference and dealt with topics ranging from relationships to maintaining a gay/lesbian library to gay comedy to self-defense. The 1985 edition of the Southeast Conference will be sponsored by groups either in Tallahassee, Fla. or Chapel Hill, N.C.

Liaison

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committee members said it was the intensity of this lobbying that resulted in a seven-week delay before the mayor made his decision.

"Part of the problem with the lobbying was that it was people calling and saying 'You don't want Ann Maguire,'" LaCroix said. "It was pro-Ann Maguire lobbying and anti-Ann Maguire lobbying, and that didn't particularly cut any ice."

Committee member Holly Ladd criticized the lobbying process for transforming the liaison post into a political appointment. "The committee felt very strongly that the job shouldn't be a political position," Ladd told GCN. "It should be a service for the community. After all the energy I put in, if this was just going to be a lobbied position — who can reach all the right people — then this position should be just the same as all the others in city hall. It made the ten people who served on the committee feel powerless."

"I wasn't pleased with the lobbying," echoed committee member Bob Andrews. "This was not a political position. We were selected as a group of people who could be trusted to make a decision for the community."

Probably the most controversial of the lobbyists for Ann Maguire was District 2 city councillor Jim Kelly, who wrote the mayor a letter of recommendation on behalf of Maguire. That letter, which Maguire says she did not solicit, drew criticism from a number of committee members and local activists who characterized Kelly's politics as racist and questioned why Maguire would have a recommendation from him.

Kelly, who represents both South Boston and the South End on the council, is perhaps best known as a leader of the militant anti-busing movement in the '70s. More recently, Kelly has gained notoriety for attacking the NAACP as a "racist" organization, opposing the city's Fair Housing Ordinance, and express-

ing the fear that a lesbian and gay rights ordinance would allow male teachers to come to class wearing dresses.

"Where people start having the Jimmy Kellys in this town lobby on their behalf, I wonder what the debt is we're going to owe," said Holly Ladd. "At this point for our community to be working with those people who oppress all of us — it's far more important for me to see lesbian and gay people organizing to build coalitions with people of color in this town. We just don't do that by inviting Jim Kelly to speak on behalf of what gay people need."

For her part, Maguire has stressed her feeling that anyone, including Jim Kelly, is open to lobbying. "I think he felt he could at least have a dialogue with me," she told GCN, "and at least be able to find out how he could, because of that dialogue, at least represent constituents in the district, best meet the needs of lesbians and gay men that live in the area, and even begin to find a common ground."

Where Maguire has sought to find common ground with Jim Kelly, however, some observers have expressed skepticism at her ability to come to similar agreements within the lesbian and gay community.

"I hope that the liaison will make every effort to reach out to all sectors of this community," said Ladd, "and I hope she will not restrict her input to the 'leadership,' meaning members of BL/GPA or those people already in city hall."

"I had real concerns about her choice," said Jay LaCroix, "because I didn't feel her record indicated that she would be a bridge and a peacemaker. I hope that she will prove me wrong. But I certainly agreed that she was qualified for the position on the basis of her experience and involvement for many years."

"I feel really good about the choice of Ann," countered committee member Bob Andrews. "I've known Ann for six or seven years in Boston. I respect her for

the work she's done and her ability to work with a very diverse group of people. And that includes gay men and lesbians and straight people."

"There's no one person who can represent the entire community. It's absolutely ludicrous to think that one person is going to be perceived by the entire community as their representative. Anyone who does things is going to pick up some enemies. The doers are criticized. The people who don't do anything don't get criticized."

In addition to Ladd, LaCroix and Andrews, the search committee for the liaison position included Siong-Huat Chua, Ed DeMers, Armando Martinez, Jalna Perry, Helaine Simmonds, Roberta Stone and Patrick Thomas.

Abortion

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self determination? Since AIDS — and after AIDS — those of us with poor track records — shall we have learned from the support of women during our dark crisis of the absolute obligation we have to see the struggles for abortion rights as identical to our own personal and political battles for liberation?" he asked.

A common theme of the panel was that the success of the reproductive rights movement will be achieved only by mobilizing a broad and cohesive constituency which continually places abortion rights within the context of other radical issues. The tone of the panel was cautiously optimistic. Cagan said that the challenge in 1984 is to create a positive alternative to the right wing power, politics and way of thinking that is so prevalent in this society.

Marlene Fried, however, noted the changes over the years even within the reproductive rights movement itself. "It used to be [a] 'free abortion on demand' movement. Now it's pro-choice. We've come a long way, but in the wrong direction. Let's face it, it's a hard time for 'choice,' much less freedom and liberation."

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Ann Maguire: Keeping the Dialogue Open

By Larry Goldsmith

The following interview with newly-appointed Mayoral Liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Community Ann Maguire (see story, p. 1) was conducted at the offices of Gay Community News on May 22.

The interview has been edited for considerations of space and grammar.

Larry Goldsmith: What's the function of the liaison, why do we need a liaison?

Ann Maguire: I think we need one to make sure that the needs of the lesbian and gay community are met in the best possible way from city hall. . . . And I think that because we're such a diverse city, it's really hard for one person, whoever's in charge of providing city services, to understand the needs of all the people. And I think it's just much easier to have some people who have a better understanding of some of the diverse groups within the city to work on some of the special needs.

I think the gay community has some very special needs that have been pretty well documented. I think whether it's dealing with the police department as perpetrator or victim, I think the whole crisis around lesbian and gay health, especially AIDS, I think discrimination that's happening within our community and many issues like that. So it's important to have someone who understands the community, can work best with the community to try and best help meet people's needs.

LG: A few years ago, the Boston Police Department arrested a large number of men for cruising in the restroom of the Boston Public Library. What would you do in a situation like that?

AM: I think there are ways to deal with things like that and ways not to, and I think that stationing a uniformed policeman outside for a week or two would certainly have done the job as effectively. I think signs put up inside saying there is closed-circuit TV or something. I think there are ways to deter behavior, if that's what you're looking to do, at a particular place without necessarily disrupting lives, publicly disrupting lives.

LG: Maybe a better example is the Fenway. There you have a place that is technically public property, but it's also very secluded and there's really no one walking through there who would come across gay men having sex — except other gay men. And yet there is a gay man who is trying to put an end to cruising in the Fens and on his own initiative mowed down the reeds, and was able to convince the parks commissioner to go there this year and mow down the reeds. Is that something the city should do?

AM: I think anybody in the lesbian and gay community can certainly speak out on whatever viewpoint they have. The technicality of mowing down the reeds I cannot answer, because I don't know, so let's forget about that, let's just get to public sex in the Fenway. My only concern is not public sex in the Fenway, it's what's happened in the Fenway with the history of violence. I think it happens at three o'clock in the morning in the reeds; it's not visible; most people aren't walking through it.

But I also have a concern with the amount of violence that's happened in the Fenway against the gay community. . . . I don't think it's a priority at all for the police department, but I see the priority as: how do we respond if all of a sudden there's an increase in violence in the Fenway against gay men?

LG: One response there has been is that after there was a murder there —

AM: There were patrols, gay patrols. But they're not there all the time, and I'm not sure what the response to that is, but I have a hard time because of the violence. And it wasn't just the murder, but the amount of robberies that have happened and lots of other things that have happened. . . . I think the feeling is, at least among people I know, that if you want to go to the Fenway, that's fine, but you've got to remember you might get whacked over the head, too. And I think that's the bigger issue.

LG: In *Bay Windows* about a year ago there was an article about Ray Flynn that quoted you as saying, "As a lesbian, I find that he has shown the least interest in lesbian and gay issues [of all the candidates]. As a feminist, I could not conceive of supporting him because of his strong anti-choice stand." What has changed since then? [Ed. note: the term "anti-choice" means anti-abortion.]

AM: I've been active in feminist politics for a long time, and one of the concerns of mine is how people feel about choice. . . . The thing that has bothered me is when people use it as a political football, whether it be choice or lesbian and gay rights. . . . When I thought about applying for the job with Flynn, I talked to people who are very close to him and talked to them about his stand on choice and where it was coming from and what it was all about. This was after the election and after everything was over. And we talked about it for a long time, and they said that it was a moral issue for him and not a political football, and I very much believe them, people that I trust.

There are people I know who don't believe in choice, lots of gay men I know who don't believe in choice, and as long as they don't see it as a reason to use it against us, that's fine, because I certainly can sit in the same room and certainly can discuss it. . . . I feel really comfortable with that, and I also feel really comfortable since that time. If you look at the three executive orders that have come out so far:

no discrimination because of sex, no sexual harassment, and, obviously, no discrimination based on sexual preference. I feel that he's making some real strong commitments to lesbians and to women. I don't think the issue of choice will become an issue.

LG: Even with the referendum [a state constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to restrict publicly-funded abortions] possibly coming up in November?

AM: I don't think so.

LG: Because one thing that referendum would do would be to allow the legislation he co-sponsored [the Doyle-Flynn bill, ruled unconstitutional in 1981, which prohibited Medicaid funding for abortions] to take effect. It seems fairly likely that he'll be asked his opinion. Will you lobby in the sense that you'll speak out in favor of abortion rights, while your boss the mayor is going to be against abortion rights?

AM: I'm not sure what lobbying I will do, I really don't know. I know what I've done in the past, I don't know if you know what I've done in the past, but I know what I've done in the past. And I'm not sure what I'll do in the future. But I'm still me and I still have my beliefs. If you ask me if I'm going to stand at the State House in November, I don't know. I think as the time gets closer, we can certainly talk about it, but right now I don't know what I'm going to do.

LG: If Flynn decides to run again in 1987, would you support him?

AM: I feel very comfortable with his commitment to ending discrimination and violence, being a real people's mayor, really wanting to provide services to all the people of Boston. I feel really strongly about him taking some real important steps in helping to end a lot of the racial violence that's happened in the city, and being out there — not just sitting back, but going out to the communities and working with people. I think he's setting a tone. I feel really good about that.

I think that racial problems are a big concern to a lot of people in Boston, whether we're part of it or not part of it, whether we're actually in confrontations or not. I'm really pleased that he's out there on the scene as opposed to being some place else. The things that he's done so far I feel really good about, I really do. Very good.

LG: What some people might want to add is that it's good that he's done all those things, but we won't achieve the goals that we want to achieve in those areas until he sees how abortion and sexism are linked, until he sees that the racial problems in the city are not just racial problems but

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ALCOHOLISM:

THE DISEASE WE CAN'T IGNORE

By Warren Blumenfeld

Matthew is a 36-year-old gay man and an alcoholic. While teaching in a public school in a small New England town, he often came to his classroom drunk. Recently his job performance deteriorated and he was fired by his principal. He is now attending an alcoholism treatment program where he is attempting to get sober.

Alice and June have been living together as lovers for over eight years. During that time, June's drinking problem has gotten worse and after a bender she often abuses her lover physically. She misses work and social engagements regularly and Alice constantly makes excuses for her. Though June refuses to seek help, Alice has entered a program designed for people who are affected by another's drinking so she can get her own life in order.

A Disease

Alcoholism is classified by the American Medical Association as a progressive and sometimes fatal disease. Though incurable, it can be arrested or put into remission through total and continued abstinence from alcohol.

In this country today, alcohol is the most widely abused of all drugs. Even if an individual does not have a personal problem with alcohol, each of us is in some way affected.

The Consumers Union of Washington, D.C., in a 1972 report, stated that alcohol is responsible for 50 percent of all arrests, 50 percent of all homicides, 80 percent of all suicides, 50 to 75 percent of all auto accidents; it is a major factor in domestic violence, it poses a \$100 billion drain on the taxpayer and it is increasingly the drug of choice of school-aged children.

Relating the impact of alcoholism specifically to the lesbian and gay community, Alan Robinson, a therapist at the Gestalt Institute of New England, said that there is research to indicate "a 30 percent alcoholism rate among gay men and lesbians" which is significantly higher than the estimated 10 percent rate for the population at large. He added that the alcoholism rate is traditionally higher for many minority groups in this country.

Hoping to capitalize on a gay market, many alcoholic beverage companies specifically gear ad campaigns to the gay and lesbian drinker. Larger than life hunky men holding bottles of beer often adorn urban billboards and a proliferation of liquor ads appear on the pages of many gay publications. There is even a new beer named "Wilde's" after the gay British author and playwright Oscar Wilde, brewed by the Pearl Brewing Company of San Antonio, Texas, which is trying to make inroads into the gay bars.

No one can say for sure why gay men and lesbians have a greater incidence of alcoholism, but David Aronstein of the North Shore Gay and Lesbian Counseling Program speculates, "The bars have long been our traditional social gathering centers. With the noise and smoke and highly sexually charged atmosphere, there is a built-in stress level which encourages drinking."

Gloria Melnitzsky, a counselor at the Lesbian and Gay Counseling Services in Boston, said that a person's internalized oppression, in this case homophobia, may have some impact on their drinking and added, "We have men coming in to see us who have never had sex sober."

As in the case of cancer or hypertension in its early stages, the disease of alcoholism is difficult to detect. So how do you know if you or someone around you has it?

Melnitzsky said there is no definite way to tell until someone stops drinking. However, "If alcohol has a negative affect on any area of your life," she said, "or if you can only handle a situation while drinking, this is a clue that there may be a problem."

Sometimes, however, clear signs can be observed such as a "black out" which is chemically induced amnesia whereby a person may forget what happened to them for blocks of time; a drastic change of personality when drinking; physical symptoms of withdrawal; or frequent feelings of remorse or guilt around drinking.

Denial

Usually the person who has a dependency on alcohol will be the last to know, for alcoholism is a disease which very often involves the denial of its own existence. Sometimes the problem drinker will say, "I'm not an alcoholic, I only drink beer and wine," or "I'm too young to be an alcoholic," or "I'm not an alcoholic, I don't drink every day," or "I don't have a problem with booze. I don't sleep on park benches or panhandle money on the street."

Statistically, it is estimated that only 10 percent of all alcoholics live on the streets or in shelters. The rest lead lives which at times may appear to be manageable and even seem productive, but if allowed to progress often end tragically or in quiet desperation.

For Jack, a 41-year-old alcoholic who has been sober now for three years, denial was a definite part of his disease. He hid bottles around his apartment so his lover wouldn't find out he was drinking.

"I knew I drank," he said, "but I didn't think I had a problem." Soon his health started to deteriorate. "I went everywhere except to the right place to look for answers. I went to a chiropractor twice a week for spinal adjustments; I saw an acupuncturist who made me feel like a pincushion with all the needles he put into me; I contacted an herbalist who perscribed herbs that made my apartment smell like shit; I went on a

salt-free diet; I didn't eat white bread; I even started going to church." Since he couldn't admit that alcohol was his problem, he didn't mention his drinking when asked by his doctor during a physical exam.

His health went steadily downhill and he drank more, using the excuse that he needed it to cope with his depression. Left to his own devices, it can only be surmised where he would have ended up had it not been for his lover, William, who managed to push through his own fear and denial to confront Jack with his drinking problem. Jack immediately scoffed at the idea, but William brought in some of their mutual friends who supported William's diagnosis. Eventually Jack decided to seek help and since that time his health, mental and physical, has improved greatly.

For relatives and loved ones, breaking through the denial and isolation of the active alcoholic can be extremely difficult, but in many cases it can be done.

According to Jean Riseman, a counselor at Merrimack Valley Counseling Associates (MVCA), "The chemical [alcohol] changes the person's thinking and perceptions and that's where the denial comes from." She said one way to begin to break through the denial is to "catch the person when sober" when they have a bit of a distance from the mind-altering affects of the drug.

Chippa Martin from Aradia Counseling for Women agrees and adds, "Most of the time it is hard for people to hear that they have a problem with their drinking until it is too late, for instance, after a car accident." She states that for this reason, it is often wise for more than one person to talk to the alcoholic in a supportive and non-judgmental way while encouraging them to seek help. It is important also to give them the message that they don't have to go through it alone.

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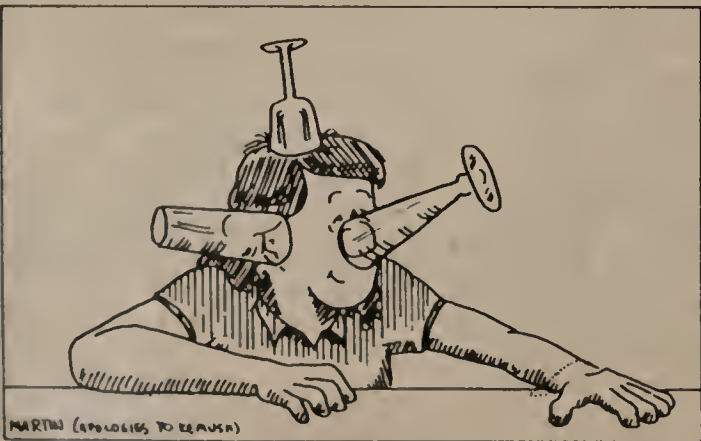
Whether or not they realize it, in all actuality they aren't going through the affects of the disease alone because alcoholism influences more than simply the person who is afflicted. It can also have a devastating impact on the relatives, friends and loved ones of the addict.

According to Dennis Iadarola of Mass. Bay Counseling Associates, partners and family members of the alcoholic often "themselves manifest many of the symptoms of the disease and their identities can become confused." Sometimes their own denial mechanisms come into play when they collaborate or help the alcoholic keep drinking so that they don't have to be confronted with the person's disease or with the reality of the relationship or when they have to deal with their own sense of powerlessness in the situation.

A Way Out

Though the disease of alcoholism is often described as being "cunning, baffling and powerful," there are many ways out of the noose for those afflicted and for the people in their lives.

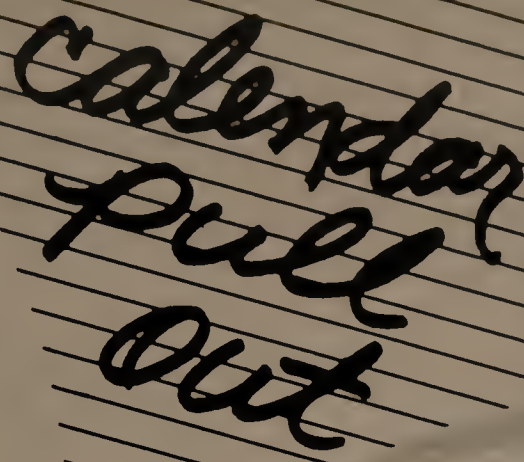
As noted earlier, the surest known way to keep the disease in check is for the alcoholic to stop drinking. Depending on the extent to which the disease has progressed, there are a number of treatment options available. There are in-patient detoxification centers where trained medical and psychiatric professionals monitor a patient's withdrawal from the drug. There are also community residences for a person to live with other recovering alcoholics before returning



"WOMEN DON'T MAKE PASSES/ AT GIRLS WHO WEAR GLASSES."

Notes

Compiled by Michael Bronski



Nightclub Cantata. *A stunning celebration of survival, by Elizabeth Swados. The New Ehrlich Theatre, 539 Tremont St., Boston. Through June 16.*

Have you ever wondered what would happen if you took a Sylvia Plath poem and played with her superb musicality until you had something — a song, or a chant — even madder and even more sublime? I've long wanted to turn "Daddy" into a hard-driving punk piece; Elizabeth Swados turns "The Applicant" into an explosion of words that crackles and pops and thumps, perhaps forever, in one's head. And it is only one of 21 songs in her brilliant *Nightclub Cantata*. She also turns Frank O'Hara's "To the Harbormaster" into a truly gorgeous song for two male voices (a speaker as well as a singer), and Muriel Rukeyser's "Walking This Morning" into a lovely trio for female voices. All three of the aforementioned poets are dead — but with theatrical genius like Swados', their work will live forever, in ways that I am certain would have brought total joy and maybe even jealousy to the poets themselves.

Director Roger Curtis really puts his cast of seven (Steve Aveson, Ursula Drabik, Rebecca Fasanello, Jim Russo, Jim Quinn, Lisa Troy, Bryan Webster) through their paces; there is not a dull moment in the show. Words, music, wordless sounds and dancing are masterfully interwoven, as is slapstick humor ("Pastrami Brothers," which, as a half-Italian, annoyed me more than amused me) and pathos (Isabella Leitner's "Isabella," in which prisoners at Auschwitz devise a secret language to help

themselves survive). Sometimes Swados dispenses with language as we know it altogether, and Ursula Drabik's rendition of Swados' "Bird Lament" is one of the strongest moments in a very powerful show. Sounding like a cross between Yma Sumac and Miriam Makeba, Drabik does things with her voice that are, all by themselves, worth the price of admission.

Penelope Gardner's costumes and Tony Siracusa's set are simple and effective, but this is a show where everything comes directly from the performers, individually and collectively. The highlights for me were the intricate ensemble numbers, the finest of which is Delmore Schwartz's short story "In Dreams Begin Responsibilities," which here becomes a three-ring circus of motion without sacrificing any of the piece's innate power; quite the contrary — though it is the only work by Schwartz I admire (the man was a raving homophobe), Swados' setting makes it stronger than it is on the page. Another instance in which prose is made to sing is when Fasanello, Troy and Drabik, essentially frozen into a little tableau, thaw out their setting with a hot and entertaining excerpt from Carson McCuller's *Ballad of the Sad Cafe*.

If it all sounds too heavy, to assure you of the exquisite balance of *Nightclub Cantata* I will end with "Indecision," Swados' send-up of pop songs of the 1950s, complete with the choral sha-boops that may have started Elizabeth in her childhood to becoming one of the major forces in American music of the 1970s and 1980s.

— Walta Borawski

festival benefit

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Night Sweat will play the Shandol Theater, 137 West 22nd St., New York, beginning May 24. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings at 8:30, and Saturday evenings at 7 and 10PM. All seats will be \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased at A Different Light Bookstore, or reserved through Ticket Central or Theater Row 279-4200.

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May 26
to
June 22

28 monday



26 saturday

Boston—4th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, Black and White Men Together (BNWT)/Boston. Panel discussion on Stages of Our Lives, in which gay men and lesbians of different ethnic and racial backgrounds will focus on the problems of survival and advancement in a heterosexual world. Free. Open to all members of the community. 2PM, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. Info: Craig, 321-4382, Tom, 536-3392, or John, 636-2305.

Providence — Pink Triangles, a highly acclaimed film about prejudice and persecution against gay men and lesbians presented by Brown University Gay and Lesbian Alliance. The film will be followed by a talk by filmmakers Cathy Hoffman and Julie Palmer. 3:30PM. Free (but donations will be accepted at the door). Info/location: 738-7137.

Cambridge—Anniversary Weekend Celebration of Black and White Men Together. Panel discussion on Stages of Our Lives, survival and advancement for gay men and lesbians of different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Free, open to all members of the community. 2PM, Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. Info: Craig, 321-4382; Tom, 536-3392 or John, 636-2305.

27 sunday

Providence — Brown University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Wine and Cheese Party at the Faculty Club, in the Class of '52 Room. 5:30PM. Suggested donation \$5. Info: 738-7137.

Providence — First Brown University Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Dinner. At the Faculty Club in the Class of '52 Room. Reservations mandatory! Send \$15 per person to: Brown Gala, c/o Bill Barnett, 1694-8 Beacon St., Brookline, MA 02146.

Boston—BWM/Boston banquet to celebrate its 4th anniversary. 7:00PM, Dome Room, Lenox Hotel. Cash bar. Dinner 8 to 9PM, music and dancing 9PM. Tickets for both \$20 in advance, music alone \$5 at the door. Info: Tom, 536-3392; Craig, 321-4382.

Boston—Married Gay/Bi Men's Workshop will explore issues, conflicts and the effects of AIDS on lives of married gay or bisexual men. Info: Francis Giambone, 628-6988.

30 wednesday

Cambridge — Ed Cates reading the 13 Wonders of the World (new poems). 8PM, Sacramento Art Gallery, 20 Sacramento St. Call 492-6857 for info.

Waltham — Introductory meeting for volunteers for hotline and shelter for Waltham Battered Women's Support Committee. Info: 899-8676.

Provincetown — The Tiffany Club invites you to its Fourth Annual Crossdresser's Holiday Outing. Info: write The Tiffany Club, PO Box 19, Wayland, MA 01778.

31 thursday

Boston—The Alternative Practitioners Group for AIDS monthly meeting. 7:30PM. All interested health care professionals invited to attend. Info: AIDS Action Line, 536-7733; Michael, 661-4070.

Boston — Mobius Theater presents: Obvious Distractions, a video/performance by Dan Lang. 8PM, Mobius, 354 Congress St. Info, reservations: 541-7416.

june 2 saturday

Boston—Women and Party Politics. Understanding and influencing the process. Keynote speaker State Rep. Sandra Graham. Topic of discussion: How to become a delegate. What is a party platform? What is a ward committee? etc. Workshops 1PM to 4:30PM. College of Public and Community Service, U Mass, Park Square Campus, 100 Arlington St., Room 222. Registration fee \$10. Info: 451-9294.

New Haven — Second Annual Debs and Dykes Ball. 8PM to 1AM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Olive and Chapel. \$5. Organized by The Lesbian Rap. Wheelchair accessible. Student discount: 1/2 price w/ID. \$1 raffle. Info: 776-2658.

Portland, ME—Take Back the Night Coalition sponsors workshops on political, social, psychological, economic and legal aspects of violence against women and on strategies to empower women. A march through Portland follows in the evening. Info: Marilyn, 773-3333; Merrie, 761-1549.

3 sunday

Boston—Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, founders of Daughters of Bilitis and authors of Lesbian/Woman, at an informal reception sponsored by Boston D.O.B., 5 to 8PM. All women welcome. 156 Warren Ave., (private home). Info: 661-3633.

Boston — Multi-Cultural Artists Gathering. Join other Boston area artists in a Round Robin and Discussion — bring instruments, songs and poems to share, make new friends, network, share your visions and celebrate spring. Sponsored by the Boston People's Music Network. 6:30 pm, 739 Boylston St., 2nd Floor, Copley Square. Info: call 776-6827, 547-2120.

5 tuesday

Roxbury—Issues facing women in Boston, an open forum for women with Alana Murphy, director of the Boston Women's Commission. Sponsored by Women's Alliance for Boston Elections. 7:30PM, Roxbury Community College, Kennedy Building, Room 307. Info: 661-6015.

Cambridge — Exploring Alternative Cancer Therapies. Presentation and discussion with Grace Rassein. 8PM. All women welcome. Sponsored by Daughters of Bilitis Forum, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation requested.

6 wednesday

Boston—Lesbian/Gay committee on Elderly Shared Living meeting. 7:30PM. Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St.

7 thursday

Cambridge—Men As Friends: Are they worth it? Daughters of Bilitis discussion. All women welcome. 8PM, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation.

Boston—Rally for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Boston, sponsored by Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. 7:30PM, Faneuil Hall. Gay action on Human Rights Ordinance to be proposed by Councilor David Scodras. Free admission. Signed for the hearing-impaired.

8 friday

Boston—Spring at Glad Day friday night reading series. Lee Grove, Boston Magazine's literary columnist, reads from just published first novel, Last Dance. \$2. 8PM, Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter St., across from Park St. T station. Info: 542-0144.

Southern Maine — Knowing Ourselves-Knowing Others. A weekend workshop for gay men. \$175 (includes room and meals). Info, location: Francis Giambone, 628-6988.

9 saturday

Boston — Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association presents Spring Thing, including live auction, flea market, prizes, pony rides, good food and much more! Worcester Square Park between Washington St. and Harrison Ave, adjacent to Boston City Hospital. (rain date Sunday, June 10th).

11 monday

Boston—Quarterly meeting of the Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. 7:40PM, U. Mass., Park Square, Room 222. Agenda includes discussion of upcoming state representative and state senator races in Boston.

12 tuesday

Cambridge — Coming Out: Your Choice — bring a topic. Discussion 8PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation.

13 wednesday

"Young lady, you have a



bad attitude!
Fag Rag

Boston—Spring at Glad Day friday night reading series. Fag Rag/Bad Attitude: putting sex back into gay liberation. Notorious sex radicals of Fag Rag and Bad Attitude, a new lesbian sex magazine, join to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Stonewall with a reading from their special joint issue. \$2. 8PM, Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter St., across from Park St. T station. Info: 542-0144.

14 thursday

Boston—Safe and Secure: a forum on public safety and citizens' rights for the gay and lesbian community. Sponsored by Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance and Gay & Lesbian Counseling Services. 7:30PM at Arlington St. Church, Arlington & Boylston St. Discussion of Anti-Lesbian and Anti-Gay violence, victim's rights, police procedures, local resources.

15 friday

Boston—Party to your health sponsored by Fenway Community Health Center. 8 to 12 midnight, International Institute of Boston, 287 Comm. Ave. Info: Mark Perigard, 267-7573.

Boston — Gay and Lesbian Art Show, Part II. "Boys and Girls on the Walls and Floors, But None Behind the Closet Door." Basement Gallery, 35 Kingston St., near Downtown Crossing, now through June 30th. Reception 5 to 8PM, Friday June 15th.

16 saturday

Boston—Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Festival coordinated by the Pride Committee. Assemble 11AM in Copley Square.

Cambridge—Dance to Celebrate Gay Pride sponsored by Amethyst Women, Cambridge YWCA. 9 to 1AM, 7 Temple St. Women only. Drug- and alcohol-free event.

17 sunday

Waltham—Newton area Gays and Lesbians 3rd meeting. All are welcome. 4 to 5:30PM, 95 Adams St., Apt 16. Info: Mark, 893-8717.

21 thursday

Cambridge — Drop-in discussion group for women with incest histories. Topic: Support. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., free childcare. Sponsored by Incest Resources. Info: 492-1818.

22 friday

Boston—Spring at Glad Day friday night reading series. Margaret Cruikshank, editor of Lesbian Path and Lesbian Studies celebrates the publication of her latest anthology, New Lesbian Writing. \$2. 8PM, Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter St., across from Park St. T. Info: 542-0144.

Cambridge—Hollandia '45, a play by Sarah Dreher. Powerful statements about aging, choices, love, respect and family. 8PM, First Church in Cambridge. Congregational. 11 Garden St. Tickets \$5/\$6 in advance at New Words Bookstore, Glad Day, Red Bookstore. \$7 at the door.

The GCN weekly calendar includes events in the Boston area of interest to the lesbian and gay community. We try not to leave anything out but remember, we depend on you to keep us informed. Let us know as early as possible what your group is planning.

The deadline is Friday noon for the following issue. Just send the information to GCN Calendar, 167 Tremont Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02111.



Singer Willie Sordill and the lesbian, gay and straight musicians of the Willie Sordill Group will present a concert at 8:00PM on May 29 at Ryle's, 212 Hampshire St., Inman Square Cambridge. Admission is \$4.00.



ALIVE!, the San Francisco-based jazz ensemble, will perform at New England Life Hall, 225 Clarendon St., at 8:00PM on June 8. Tickets are \$7.50, \$9.50 and \$4.00 at Glad Day, New Words, Red Book and Bodyworks Gym.

Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON-AREA LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESSES (BARS, BOOKSTORES, COUNSELING, MEDICAL, ACCOMODATIONS, ETC.) ARE LISTED SEPARATELY WITH THE DISPLAY ADS IN THIS PAPER.

Boston Area (617)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

LESBIAN AND GAY HOTLINE (6pm-Mid.) Mon-Fri	426-9371
BAGALS (Boston Area Lesbian and Gay Schoolworkers)	
P.O. Box 178, Asfor St., Boston, 02123	
Black Men-White Men Social/Support Group	
c/o GCN, Box 1, 167 Tremont St. Boston 02111	
Black Men's Assoc., PO Box 827, Boston 02123	
BAGLY (Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth,	
GCN Box 10GY, 167 Tremont,	
Boston 02111	497-8282
Boston Asian Gay Men & Lesbians	
c/o Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter St.	
Boston, 02108	542-0144
Boston Bisexual Women's Network, Box 1534,	
Jamaica Plain 02130	
Boston Gay Men's Chorus	522-6983
Boston Lesbian & Gay History Project	
c/o Interante, 24 Greenwich Pk #1, Boston 02118	
Chiltern Mountain Club	275-1336
Box 104, 104 Charles St., Boston 02114	
El Comite Latino de lesbianas y homosexuales de Boston	
P.O. Box 365, Cambridge, 02139	354-1755
Fathers in Transition (Gay/BI),	(Ex.Ctr.)266-0621
c/o GCN, Box 6, 167 Tremont St., Boston 02111	
Frontrunners, PO Box 423, Back Bay Annex,	
Boston 02117	288-4626
Gay Fathers of Greater Boston, Box 1287,	
Kendall Sq., Cambridge MA 02142	
Gay and Lesbian Physicians of	
New England	(617) 247-5485
Gay Professional Men's Group	944-4818
Gay and Lesbian Speakers Bureau,	
P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107	354-0133
Lesbian and Gay Assoc. Engineers and Scientists	
(LGAES/Boston)	
P.O. Box 1417, Boston 02117	288-3228
Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing	423-0942
c/o GCN Box 5, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111	
Lesbian and Gay Hotline (6-12pm) Mon-Fri	426-9371
Outreach Institute, Box 368, Kenmore St., 02215	277-3454
Boston Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays	
P.O. Box 125-S 101, Arlington, MA, 02174	442-2632
Project Place, 32 Rutland St. 02118	267-9150
Transsexual Hotline	568-0680
Triangle Theater, Box 127,104 Charles St.,	
Boston 02114	424-6831
Watchline (Fri-Mon 7-10pm)	262-5250

POLITICAL/LEGAL

Boston Lesbian & Gay Political Alliance, Box 65,	
Boston, 02117	247-3910
B.U. Gay and Lesbian Legal Association	
B.U. Law School, 755 Comm. Ave.	
Cambridge Lesbian and Gay Alliance	
PO Box 1273, Cambridge 02238	
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	482-3170
47 Winter St., 02108	
GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders)	
100 Boylston Suite 900 Boston, 02116	426-1350
Harvard Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues	
Roscoe Pound Hall, Cambridge, 02138	
Lesbian/Gay Prisoner Project	
c/o GCN, 167 Tremont, Boston 02111	262-1565
Mass Gay Political Caucus	
Box 6, Astor Sta Boston 02123	
National Lawyers Guild,	
14 Beacon St., Boston 02108	227-7335

STUDENT

Boston Intercollegiate Gay and Lesbian Alliance	
c/o GAMIT, Rm 50-306, Cambridge 02139	
Northeastern U. Lambda, 260 Eli Ctr.,	
360 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115	437-2738
GAMIT (Gays at MIT),	
MIT 50-306 Walker, Cambridge 02139	253-5440
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay and Lesbian	
Student Assoc., Harvard 197 Memorial	
Hall, Cambridge 02138	495-5476
Harvard Lesbian and Gay Medical/Dental Students Group	
Box 250c, 107 Ave. Louis Pasteur, Boston 02115	
Babson College, Gay and Lesbian Alliance	
Box A, Babson Park,Wellesley, 02157	
Tufts U., Gay and Lesbian Community,	
c/o Student Activities Off., Medford 02155	628-2818
Boston College G and L Support Group,	
Haley House, Chestnut Hill 02167	
Northeastern School of Law, Lesbian and Gay Caucus	
400 Huntington Ave, Boston 02115	
U/Mass/Boston, Lesbian and Gay Ctr.,	
Rm 1-4-178, Dorchester 02125	929-8276
Brandeis U., Triskelion, Box 2275 Waltham 02254	
	647-4491 or 647-4899
Boston U., Gays and Lesbians.c/o Program Resources	
Off.	
Sherman Union, Boston 02215	
Yale Gay and Lesbian Alumni/Boston,	
c/o GCN Box 7, 167 Tremont, Boston 02111	
Wellesley Lesbians & Friends, Feminist Coop	
Oakwoods, Wellesley Coll. Wellesley MA 02151	

WOMEN

Boston Area Women's Self-Defense Collective,	
666-0513 or 825-5508	
Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St.	354-8807
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave.,	
Cambridge 02138	661-3633
Dyke Doctors (Lesbian Physicians, Med Students	
Health Profs)	524-6335
Gay Professional Women's Assn.,	
Box 339, Boston U Sta., Boston 02215	
Lesbian Lawyers and Legal Workers	723-6327
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center	354-8807
Lesbian S/M Group	776-7957
National Organization for Women	
99 Bishop Allen Dr., Cambridge 02139	661-6015
Somerville Women's Center, 1 Summer St., 02143	628-6311
Tufts Women's Center	628-5000 x3184
Urania (lesbian and bisexual women's S/M group)	
Box 23, 89 Mass Ave., Boston 02115	623-7258
Women's Alcoholism Program,	
6 Camelia St., Cambridge 02139	661-1316

RELIGIOUS

Am Tikva	782-8894
P.O. Box 11, Cambridge, 02138	
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston 02114	536-6518
Friends (Quaker) for Lesbian and	
Gay Concerns, 5 Longfellow Pk., Cambridge	227-9118
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208	262-3057
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People	536-3788
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664
Fr. Paul Shanley	964-0996
Unitarian Universalists Office of Lesbian/Gay Concerns	
25 Beacon St., Boston 02108	742-2100

MEDIA

Boston's Other Voice, WROR, 98.5FM	Dennis 353-0225
Fag Rag	661-7534
Gay Community News	426-4469
Good Gay Poets	661-7534
Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA)	
c/o GCN, 167 Tremont, 02111	
Musically Speaking (WMBR 88.1FM, Sun. 1-3)	
Melanie	494-8810
Women's Educ. Media, 47 Cherry St.	
Somerville 02144	666-0350

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

AIDS Action Committee	
c/o Fenway Community Health Center	
16 Haviland St. 02115	
AIDS Action Committee Hotline	
M-F 3-9pm Sat 10am-4pm	536-7733
AIDS Hotline (Dept. of Health)	
Mon-Fri 424-5916	
Boston Free VD Info	1-800-272-2577
(8am-10pm, M-F)	
Alcoholics Anonymous	426-9444
Erodis Ctr., 25 Huntington Ave 02116	266-0612



Gay AIAnon (families of atcoholics)	843-5306
North Shore Gay and Lesbian Counseling	
Program (non-profit)	744-5322
Tapestry Inc. 20 Sacramento St.,	
Cambridge 02138	661-0248
Tufts Skin Care Clinic (VD treatment)	956-5293

Eastern Mass. (617)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Gay Hotline	756-0730
Central Middlesex Social Club	897-3462
Mass. Teachers Assoc./Gay Rights Caucus	
P.O. Box 75, New Salem 01355	
North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance	
Box 806, Marblehead, 01945	745-3848
Survival Crisis Line	471-7100
So. Shore Gay & Lesbian Alliance	
Box 712, Bridgewater 02324	584-4997
Tri-County Assoc., c/o 219 East Main St,	
Milford 01757	473-3529
Dignity Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 321, Methuen 01844	
Central Mass Dignity/Integrity Group, Box 402,	
Federal Sta., Worcester	

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New Bedford Women's Clinic	996-3341
Womantide (lesbian magazine), PO Box 963, P'town 02657	
	487-3393

STUDENT

Clark U. Gay Alliance, 950 Main, A-70	
Gay Outreach Assoc. for Lowell (Univ.) Students	
South Campus, Student Union Rm 348	453-3804
Salem State Gay Task Force	
Salem St. College, Salem 01970	745-0556 (ext. 209)



Western Mass. (413)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Berkshire County Gay Coalition, P.O. Box 1562,	
Pittsfield 01201,	442-1819
Lesbian and Gay Men's Counseling Collective	
406F Student Union, UMass, Amherst	545-2645
GALA (Gay And Lesbian Activists)	
Box 1084, Northampton 01061	
Help Line	664-6391, 664-6392
Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance	
Box 181, Northampton, 01061	584-7903
MCC Springfield, PO Box 15576,	
Springfield 01105	(M-Sat 7-10pm)532-5211

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Valley Wimmins Connection	586-6445
Common Woman Club, 78 Masonic St.,	
Northampton 01060	584-4580
Everywomen's Center, Amherst	545-0883
Franklin Cty. Lesbian Alliance	
P.O. Box 235, Deerfield 01342	
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst	545-3438
Lesbians United 33 Pearl St, Pittsfield, 01201	499-2425
New Alexandria Lesbian Library	
Box 402, Florence, MA 01060	584-7616
Southwest Women's Center	545-0626
Valley Lesbian Alliance	665-4705; 253-3082, 774-5464

STUDENT

Hampshire College Gay Men's Alliance	
Box 89, Amherst 01002	
Lesbian & Gay Men's Counseling Collective	
406F UMass Student Union, Amherst	545-2645
Lesbian Union, 920 Campus Center,	
UMass, Amherst 01003	545-3438
People's Gay Alliance, 413 Student Union RSO 242,	
UMass Amherst 01003	545-0154
Williams Gay Peoples Union	
S.U. Box 3212, Williams College, Williamstown 01267	



Connecticut (203)

INFORMATION/SERVICE/SOCIAL

Black and White Men Together.	
58 Winchester Ave. New Haven 06511	562.2906. 933.0185
Conn. Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 1139, New Haven 06505	
Helpline for Greater Danbury	426-4922
Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Greater Danbury.	
c/o Box 2045, Danbury 06810	
Gay Switchboard, Hartford, M-S 111 pm.	
Sun 15 pm, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101	522-5575
Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, New Haven.	
P.O. Box 72, 06501, M-F 8-11 pm	624-6869
Gay Spirit (WWUH, 91.3FM) Thurs 8:30pm	
George W. Henry Foundation (counseling).	
45 Church St., Hartford 06103	522-2646
Greater Hartford Lesbian & Gay Taskforce	249-7691
Institute of Social Ethics/Gay National Archives.	
One Gold St., Suite 22 BC, Hartford 06103	547-1281

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Gay Women's Collective. c/o Women's Center.	
Box U-118, UConn, Storrs 06268	486-4738
Heartroots Feminist Therapy Collective.	
22 Allen Pl. #B3, Hartford 06106	249-0504
The Newsletter, a lesbian position.	
PO Box 3075, New Haven 06515	
Women's Center, Hartford, c/o Hill Ctr.,	
350 Farmington Ave, Hartford 06106	249-7691
Women's Center, Manchester Community	
College, P.O. Box 1046, Manchester, 06040	646-4900
Women's Center, UConn. Box U-118,	
Storrs 06828	486-4738
Women's Center, Wesleyan, Box WW,	
Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457	347-9411
Women's Liberation Center, New Haven.	
614 Orange St., New Haven 06510	776-2658

STUDENT

Alternate Lifestyles Awareness Group.	
Social Work House, Farnham Ave.,	
New Haven 06515	397-4331
Eros, Gay Students at Trinity College	
c/o Chaplain's Office, Hartford 06106	527-3151
Gay Alliance at Yale.	
P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta, New Haven 06520	
Gay Alliance, UConn, Box U-8, Storrs, 06268	486-2273
Gay Alliance, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center.	
Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, 06457	347-9411
Lesbian and Gay Community at Conn. College	442-7458
P.O. Box 1295, New London 06320	
Gay Student Ctr Yale, Box 2031, New Haven 06520	
Lesbian/Gay Student Alliance UConn	
W Hartford 06117	523-4841 x 267
Lesbians, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center.	
Box WW, Wesleyan St., Middletown 06457	347-9411
Yalesbians, c/o Yale Women's Ctr,	
5051 Yale Sta. New Haven 06520	

RELIGIOUS

Dignity/Fairfield County.	
P.O. Box 348, Belden Sta Norwalk. 06850	
Dignity/Hartford, P.O. Box 72, Hartford 06141	233-8325
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 5335, Hamden 06518	
Integrity/Hartford, P.O. Box 3681,	
Central Sta., Hartford 06103	522-2646
Integrity/New Haven, P.O. Box 1777,	
New Haven 06507	787-1518
MCC/Hartford, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101	522-5575
MCC/New Haven, P.O. Box 1273,	
New Haven 06505	777-9808

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AIDS Project New Haven, PO Box 636.	
New Haven 06503	624-2437(AIDS)
Gay AA (Danbury)	426-4922, 748-5341
Gay Health Workers at YNNH.	
Box 2031, Yale St. New Haven. 06520	436-8354

Maine (207)

Gay Phonline (Caribou)	896-5888
AWA (Male), Box 746, Old Orchard Beach 04064	
Bates Gay/Straight Alliance, Health Ctr.	
Bates College, Lewiston 04240	
Bowdoin College Gay/Straight Alliance,	
Brunswick 04011	
Dignity/Maine, Box 7021, Lewiston 04240	
Down East Gay Alliance, Box O, Ellsworth 04605	
Gay Peoples Alliance	
92 Bedford St., Portland 04103	780-4085
Interweave: Unit./Univ. Gay/Lesbian	
Community, Box 215, Augusta 04330	797-3246
Lesbian Rap Group, 92 Bedford St., Portland	
MCC Portland, Box 583 Westbrook 04092	
Mid-Coast Gay Men, P.O. Box 496, Camden 04843	236-9015
Northern Lambda Nord, P.O. Box 990, Caribou 04736	
Maine Lesbian Feminists P.O. Box 125, Belfast 04915	
Portland Women's Community	
c/o D. Elze, 15 Deering Ave., Portland 04101	
Unitarian-Universalist Lesbian and Gay Caucus	
125 Auburn St., Portland 04104	773-2121
Wilde-Stein Club, c/o Memorial Union,	
U of Maine, Orono 04469	581-1288
Parents & Friends of Gays	549-7325(eves & wkends)
Orthodox Community of Holy Apostles,	
RFD Box 680, N. Whitefield 04353	549-7325
The Maine Chapter (social org.) Box 1255, Ellsworth 04605	



Vermont (802)

Gay AA/Burlington	862-4019
Central Vermont Gay Men, (CVGM),	
Box 42, Barre 05641	
Gay Student Alliance	
Box 987, Johnson State Coll., Johnson 05656	
Gay Student Union, U of Vt.Box 45, Billings Center	
Burlington 05405	
Gay People at Middlebury	
Box D56, Middlebury College, 05753	
Gay Volleyball	482-3528,862-4019
c/o Box 99, Hinesburg 05461	
Interweave, Box 454, Derby Line 05830	
Johnson St. Coll, Gay Student All.	
Box 987, JSC, Johnson 05656	
Lifestyles, Box 534, St. Johnsbury 05819	
Rutland Area Gays (RAGS), Box 147,	
Center Rutland 05736 (2nd Sats)	
Social Alt. for Gay Men (SAM),	
Box 479, Norwich, VT 05055	649-1304
Southern Vermont Gay Men	387-GAYS or (603) 756-4226
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center,	
187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701	775-1946
Vermonters for Lesbian/Gay Rights (VLGR),	
Pearls Restaurant, Pearl St, Burlington	879-1867
Women's Center, P.O. Box 92 Burlington 05401	863-1236
Integrity, Box 126, Burlington 05402	864-7198



New Hampshire(603)

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Seacoast Gay Men, P.O. Box 1394 Portsmouth 03801	
Full Circle, monthly calender of women's events,	
Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229	
Iris, a women's club	
40 Pleasant St., Portsmouth 03801	436-8958
Lesbian Feminist Collective, Box 47, Penacook	
Dartmouth Gay Students' Assoc.	
Hinman Box 5057, Hanover 03755	

home.

Also available are counselors and therapists, either in private practice or in treatment centers, who are specially trained in handling the issues around alcohol and drug dependency. These same specialists are often trained to help friends and relatives of the alcoholic to sort out their own issues.

One of the most consistently successful alcoholism treatment programs is Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Based on a self-help philosophy of sober alcoholics helping others to achieve sobriety, most therapists and counselors within the field of alcoholism encourage their clients to get involved in the AA program.

Founded in the 1930s in Akron, Ohio by two men who were themselves alcoholic who had found a way to stop drinking, AA has grown into a worldwide organization reaching people in varied regions and cultures. It doesn't cost anything to join and, as stated in its literature, "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." It is non-hierarchical in structure and the membership is responsible for the running of the group's meetings and events.

In most big cities in the U.S. there are AA meetings specially designated as "gay." According to one member who has been attending meetings regularly for over four years, "I like going to all types of AA meetings, but I like the gay ones the best. It means a lot to me when speakers introduce themselves, 'Hi, my name is _____ and I'm an alcoholic and gay' or 'I'm an alcoholic and a lesbian.' "

Each year in such cities as Boston, San Francisco, New York, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, gays from AA and AlAnon sponsor what they call their "Roundup," where anywhere between 500 and 1,000 lesbian and gay recovering alcoholics and friends and relatives of alcoholics, get together to share information and experiences.

Boston holds its Roundup each Memorial Day weekend at a local public school. Here workshops on an array of topics, ranging from forming relationships to rediscovering creativity, are conducted. Also included are AA and AlAnon meetings held throughout the weekend, musical entertainment and comic skits presented by some of the members.

For the past few years the energetic high point of the Roundup was a spirited dance held inside Boston City Hall. One excited participant exclaimed, "To see a thousand beautiful, sweaty, gay and lesbian sober alcoholic bodies dancing at City Hall was a greater

high for me than anything I ever felt while drinking."

Many echo the sentiment that there is real value in providing a space for gay and lesbian alcoholics, saying that they feel their recovery process was greatly enhanced by being in such places, especially in the early stages of their sobriety. However, the simple truth remains that most of these spaces are located only in larger cities.

Jean Riseman of MVCA says that lesbians and gay men have a real sense of isolation in her town of Methuen, Massachusetts. "It's hard for most of them to travel into Boston to attend a gay AA meeting." But she adds, "You only need one or two key people from a small town to get a meeting going."

Aligned with AA and using many of its basic principles and philosophies is AlAnon which is designed to provide a program of recovery and support for people associated with the alcoholic. It helps to give them the tools they need to cope with the residues of the disease.

A lesbian who comes from a home where both her parents were alcoholic said, "I come to AlAnon to deal with issues of detachment, forgiveness and anger. I'm also here to try to figure out why I am consistently attracted to women who turn out to be alcoholic."

As in the case of AA, there are more and more gay and lesbian AlAnon groups forming around the country.

Community Support

Gay men and lesbians can understand what it is like to live a portion of their lives with a cloud, a stigma, hanging over their heads. Often this results in a feeling of being somehow different and maybe even feeling guilty for who they are. Alcoholics many times experience these similar feelings, making it difficult for them to come out of yet another closet.

As a community, there are steps that can be taken to support alcohlics in their recovery process. One area can include the creation of more drug-free spaces at community events and activities.

According to Jean Riseman, "Women are leading the way in creating alcohol-free spaces in such places as meetings, softball games, parties, concerts and dances." However, as of yet there doesn't seem to be much of this going on for gay men.

Riseman added that there needs to be a greater understanding of the needs of the non-drinker and more support for that person's decision not to drink. Also a

greater emphasis could be placed in the area of alcoholism education that teaches the realities of the disease, including the ways in which alcohol and drugs are used in the gay subculture.

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RESOURCES FOR GAY AND LESBIAN ALCOHOLICS AND THEIR FRIENDS

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A.I.R. (Alcohol Information and Referral) (524-7884) Information and referral assistance 24 hours a day.

AlAnon (843-5300) Information about relating to alcoholics. This organization is for people who are affected by others' drinking.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) (426-9444) Information about alcoholism and AA meetings. They will put alcoholics seeking help in touch with other gay alcoholics.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (212 686-1100) AA national information office.

Alcoholics Together. (536-7050) A discussion group for lesbians and gay men. Meets Monday through Friday from 12:00-1:30 p.m., Arlington Street Church, 355 Boylston St., Clark Room, Boston, MA.

Amethyst Women sponsors alcohol- and drug-free events for alcoholic lesbians and their friends. Watch announcements for upcoming events.

CASPAR Program (661-1316) Sponsors a support group for lesbians in Boston area, meets Thursdays 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Gay Council on Drinking Behavior of the Whitman Walker Clinic (202-332-5295) 1606 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Resource center for issues concerning alcoholism in the gay and lesbian community.

Gay and Lesbian Hotline (426-9371) 6 p.m. to midnight, Monday-Friday. Information about gay, lesbian and gay/lesbian attended AA and AlAnon meetings.

National Council on Alcoholism, Inc. (212-986-4433) 733 Third Ave., New York City, NY 10017. A clearinghouse for information and research on alcoholism.

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Counseling Centers

(Most of the following centers offer alcoholism services and can make referrals to in-patient detoxification centers and community alcoholism residential facilities. Services and fees differ for each.)

Aradia Counseling for Women (247-4861 x 58) 520 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Fenway Community Health Center (267-7573) 16 Haviland St., Boston, MA.

Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services (542-5188) 600 Washington Street., Suite 219, Boston, MA 02111.

Libra Feminist Mental Health Collective 227-4444) 516-Rear Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

Mass. Bay Counseling Associates (353-0225) Huntington Ave., #331, Boston, MA 02116.

Merrimac Valley Counseling Associates (687-4383) 211 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

North Shore Gay and Lesbian Counseling Program (744-5322) 47 Congress St., Salem, MA 01970.

Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center (522-5900) 687 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Tapestry (feminist therapy collective) (661-0248) 20 Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Wings Therapy Collective (876-8438) 16½ Sacramento St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Women's Alcoholism Program of CASPAR Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism Rehabilitation) (661-1316) 6 Camelia Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139.

Hospitals

Many hospitals provide counseling programs and in-patient detox services. Among those in the Boston area are Boston City Hospital, Cambridge Hospital, Karney Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Tufts New England Medical Center and others.

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(A definitive list of resources is impossible. We are sorry if we left you out. Please let us hear from you so that we may include your group in the future.)

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A Strong, Clear Voice: Marcia Taylor at Passim's

Marcia Taylor in concert at Passim's Coffeehouse, May 3, 1984

By Pamela Gordon

One day I walked into New Words Bookstore and heard great music playing. I asked who the singer was and was told, "Marcia Taylor — we're playing her new album, *Tinder*." I had never heard of her, but the three songs I heard sounded good, so I bought the album and have much enjoyed it. Then about a month ago, I saw an

and people who just like music!

In her first song, "I Believe in You" (from *Tinder*), she created beautiful harmony with her own voice in its different ranges. Her voice is strong, true and clear. She renders equally well high delicate notes and melodies (as in "Gracias a la Vida," a Chilean song by Violeta Parra, thanking life for giving her so much), deep rich blues rhythms (as in the great song by Ginny Clemons, "Solid Ground"), and gospel (demon-

the lemmings, who leap off cliffs, while humans just take "great" leaps forward. "Bedtime Story" was a great song because its surface silliness said so much. It is this kind of subtle political song that Marcia likes best.

After a break, Marcia began the second set with the Shaker song mentioned above. Without guitar, her voice carried this song magnificently.

Her next song was a political song about a female lawyer applying for a job. The man hiring asks her if she can type and will she hike her skirt above her knees. The woman gets angrier and angrier as her abilities are ignored. The song ends with the woman declaring she will sue the man and telling him *he* had better learn to type!

Marcia finished the set with two songs with environmental themes and two songs about a woman's personal pain.

In "The Shirley Highway" (on the album), Marcia describes a return visit to her home in northern Virginia. All the houses, fields, and trees have been razed so condos could be built.

In a song about a Pennsylvania town, "Centralia, PA," the lyrics tell of the town living and dying from stripmining. Marcia introduced this song, saying it's "a metaphor for our times." A man goes out for a walk and sees carbon and sulfur streaming into the air, sees clear streams that have turned brown. The man looks at this "wound that will not mend/A debt that just increases" and asks "Is this hell or is this home?"

Switching to individual tragedy, Marcia sang "Walpole Motel," written by John Voorhaus, about a woman whose "man" is imprisoned. The woman tells of her psychological punishment, the psychological and emotional prison she is forced into and declares, "It's a goddamn crime."

"A Matter of Time," a song Marcia wrote fairly recently, is about the end of a love affair. Loss and hurt are overcome by thinking of the painful past as "only a matter of time," no longer an active entity that tortures, but a solid block of pain to be put behind her.

All through the concert, Marcia was friendly, laughing and obviously having a good time. Her mood was reflected at the end of the concert in the audience, who, as far as I could tell, had had a good time. Marcia's encore number, the old tune "Side by Side," was a perfect choice for the mood. Everyone joined in, singing "sharín our load/side by side."

Besides being a wonderful musical experience, I found the concert to be a journey from pain and sorrow to hope and happiness. I'm glad I stumbled into New Words that day Marcia's album was playing.

Her voice is strong, true and clear. She renders equally well high, delicate notes and melodies, deep rich blues rhythms and gospel.

ad for Marcia in concert at Passim's and eagerly volunteered to do a review.

Marcia is different in person than on her album, but in both cases she is a treasure found. Found for me; anyway, since Marcia has lived in the area for eight years and many devoted fans, knowledgeable of her music, attended the concert. The audience included women into women's music, older Cambridge folk fans

strated in the Shaker song, "Rise Up and Greet the Morning Stars," with which she began the second set).

To accompany her varied voices, Marcia plays two guitars — one has metal strings and is used for bluesier songs, while the other is nylon strung and is used for softer sounds. For example, the nylon guitar was used in the moving "The First Five Minutes of Life," a song about refraining from gender-typing a newborn infant for five minutes: not to ask if it's a boy or a girl, but to rejoice that it's a "baby child." The song concluded with the eye-opening line: "The freest moment that babe had/was the first five minutes of life."

Marcia did two sets. In general, the first had more love songs and songs about the individual trials of life, while the second set was more political, and sometimes depressing in tone.

"The Continental," in the first set, was about a woman who's stuck in a job she doesn't like and who spends her time "working days and drinking nights." The Continental is a bar where she goes to drink and watches her "life pass slow."

A great love song, a blues number written by Marcia and sung in public for the first time, was another first-set song. The song had emotionally and erotically delivered lines like:

If you got a lamp
 I wanna light it...
 If you got an apply,
 I wanna bite it

In this funky love song, Marcia's voice was high and pretty, yet also deep and rich and "blue." I hope we hear this song again.

Another wonderful song, distinct for its wit and irony, was "Bedtime Story" by Leon Roselson. This song contrasted various animals with human beings. For example, the hippo, slow, dumb, no get-up-and-go, opposed to mankind who doesn't know where he/she is going, but is progressing there fast! Other animals contrasted humorously and instructively were the ostrich, which puts its head in the sand while humankind marches, blindly, but with total belief in self, onward and upward. Finally, there were

Correction

Through an error in layout, the photo credits for the two pictures accompanying the article "Concerts in the Spirit" on page 7 in Vol. 11, No. 39 were reversed. The top photo was by Ellen Shub and the lower by Marilyn Humphries.

We appreciate the photographs and regret the error.

Alcoholism

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Conclusion

The saying, "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic" is analogous to the cucumber which after turning into a pickle can never return to being a cucumber. Though no cure is yet possible, by asking for help alcoholics have a real chance of accepting their disease and turning it into something which, at the very least, no longer has to have a negative impact on their lives, and at best can be used as an asset. The same can be said for people in contact with those afflicted.

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Music and Message: Holly Near, Inti Illimani *Believing in Coalition*

By Laurie Gass

Over the past few years, Holly Near and the groups with whom she has toured have reinvented me in the process of becoming political. This is an exciting involvement for someone who might

Watergate and Wounded Knee. Others may have heard of Inti Illimani's international reputation sooner than I did. I first noticed their name on the advertisements for the upcoming concert, and then saw four record albums dur-

been on tour during the coup and at one blow lost their families and homeland. Their lives didn't stop there, however. Inti Illimani settled in Rome and continued touring and making music that expressed their struggle and somewhere in Central America they met Holly Near. The Chileans must have recognized in Holly a person like themselves, fighting for control over what she said and sang.

This collaboration eventually gave birth to the May 5th performance in Boston, one in a 16-city, 18-day tour of the country. Integrated into the performance was a pause for explaining the tour's sponsor, Cultural Work, Inc., and a fundraising effort for two cam-

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For a long time, my heart has been telling me to help stop the plunge toward war. Holly Near told me that music is doing this, but music is no longer the property of white men and women.

not rethink anything without the stimulation of such messages as they bring. Last year in San Francisco, the message Holly, Ronnie Gilbert and Jeff Langley brought was "Together after all these Years and Differences" (my words). With Grupo Raiz last spring, it was "Vamos a andar!" ("Let's get going!"). "Watch out!" was the well-put message I received from her recent performance with Inti Illimani on Saturday night, May 5 at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston. The program described this event as a "National Friendship Tour . . . Singing for Peace in the Americas." It even included invitations to work with three or more peace groups, and details of specific steps to take towards a world free of conflict.

My earliest acquaintance with Holly Near was through her first Redwood recording, "Hang in There" in 1973. I heard of the Chilean coup that same year, and learned more than I was ready to about our country's scandals,

ing intermission in the Orpheum lobby. A friend told me how the members of the Inti Illimani had

Monumental Difficulties

By David Morris

Holly Near inspires as much through the company she keeps as through her own singing. She could not have been more on tar-

bloodless revolution-by-ballot they were a part of.

Her choice was fitting because, yes, as one of her songs says, there is a "rumble of war in the air" and

To most lesbians and gay men in the audience Inti Illimani will probably be remembered as the seven anonymous men who filled in the gaps between Holly Near's songs.

get than to tour with Inti Illimani, seven men who have been in exile for 11 years since our government and the middle-class and military of Chile put a bloody end to the

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Ann Maguire

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racism, something that he hasn't acknowledged. Some people might ask that if he's going to say he's not going to tolerate sexism, in order for him fully to mean that, he's going to have to speak out on behalf of abortion rights.

AM Some people might ask that. I don't think that most people will ask that.

LG: Would you?

AM: Let me just say one thing. Even feminists are split over that issue. Women who consider themselves feminists are split over that issue. People who belong to NOW are split over that issue. Women across the country who believe in the ERA don't necessarily believe in lesbian and gay rights and abortion rights and on down the line, and I'm not sure that I've seen massive groups of people tying in all those issues and saying that we need to support all of them at the same time or be in support of all of them at the same time in order to do anything.

LG: I'm sure I haven't seen massive groups of people saying that. That's what some people want to see.

AM: What some people want to see. And what some people on the opposite side want to see is not going out and dealing with racism, not going out and saying that sexism is not going to be tolerated, not speaking out on lesbian and gay rights. And I don't think you see probably more people when you add all those groups together saying don't do that, as opposed to some who tie everything in together as a philosophy of life.

LG: Jim Kelly wrote you a letter of recommendation for this job.

AM: He offered to write it. It was unsolicited.

LG: He is best known as somebody who has been a strong opponent of busing, he has recently called the NAACP a racist organization, he's done his best to try and undermine the Fair Housing Ordinance, he's said about the gay rights ordinance that it might result in gay teachers coming to work in drag, and he's very strongly against abortion. Given all of those views of his, which seem to be in conflict, at least some of them, with yours, why did he recommend you?

AM: Because I think he felt he could at least have a dialogue with me, and at least be able to find out how he could, because of that dialogue, at least represent constituents in the district, best meet the needs of lesbians and gay men that live in the area, and even begin to find a common ground...

I think it's real important to open those doors, to open dialogue, to in some ways try to lobby... When you and I have talked before, I think that there have been some good dialogues. We've talked about politics and all kinds of things. I've walked away saying there's been a dialogue, and I've gotten to understand you a little bit more; maybe you've gotten to understand me a little bit more. Maybe I can say "Larry, we really need you to do something on this," and maybe you can say "I really need you to do something on this," and we can do that because there's been some kind of dialogue. If the first thing I said was "Oh, Christ, here comes that radical hippie from Cambridge... there's no point in lobbying," then what's

the point of having the dialogue to begin with?

LG: The question is, is there a point at which you can no longer agree to disagree, at which somebody's point of view becomes so offensive —

AM: Sure there are points, but sometimes we need to experience those points for ourselves. And I think that I'm not sure some people have been dialogued before. A lot of state reps through the years had never had to discuss lesbian and gay rights before, had never been dialogued before, had been negative about it, but had never been dialogued. And only after sitting down and talking, listening, hearing what the issue was all about, then sort of trying to come through with "Well, what do you think now?" — I think you can draw lines after a while, but I think you have to allow the process to happen within you.

LG Would you agree that Jim Kelly is a racist?

AM: I think he's done racist things, yes. Really racist things.

LG: How would you explain the fact that you accepted his recommendation to lesbian and gay people of color?

AM: He sent it in to the mayor's office. It was unsolicited; he wrote one, and he sent it in to the mayor's office.

LG: If it were really offensive, you could have made a statement that you didn't want to accept it. My question really is, do you think this will hamper your ability to be an advocate for lesbian and gay people of color?

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AM: No. There are many people who are advocates for people of color who also have supported me, and I think that if because of an unsolicited recommendation that went in, they are going to think that anything I can do will be tainted or wrong, then I think this person needs to dialogue about that. And I think that again, you can look at one thing that someone's done — I mean, who do you call a criminal, someone who's been arrested for trespassing? I think that if people want to believe that, then they can.

There are also people that have known me for fifteen or twenty years, and know where I'm coming from and know how I feel. I'm more than willing to dialogue about that, if people want to dialogue about that. I just think that it's absolutely out of proportion. Why not look at the recommendations that I solicited?

LG: Would you like to say who those are from?

Coalition

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paigns, MADRE and PEACE for Guatemala. The effort was successful in raising \$5100, and in giving me the best possible reason for donating my money: "It's not good to carry around pictures of white racists anyway!"

The performance opened with Inti Illimani, seven men and an assemblage of instruments, most of which are native to the Andean region of South America. (For purposes of identification, the names of these instruments are *bomba*, the large drum; *cuatro*, triple and *churango*, the strings; and *quena* and *poña*, the flute-like instruments.) Their opening instrumental was a clear melody with rapid rhythm changes which brought in gourds, violin, panpipes and an end-blown flute, which were passed and played interchangeably by the musicians. They followed with talk in both English and Spanish about peace — "peace with justice... openness to other cultures." Inti Illimani left no doubt that a large part of its reason for being there was for political action. Whether or not their songs mentioned politics, political awareness and struggle were present both in who they were and in their music.

Holly Near was introduced and walked on stage to begin with "Watch out!" Lyrics like, "There's a rumble of war in the air... with a man like that, you never know when he's gonna send

AM: Sure. I sent in to the committee recommendations from [National Gay Task Force executive director] Ginny Apuzzo, from [AIDS Action Committee Coordinator] Larry Kessler, and from [Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance Chairperson] Eric Rofes. Then there were a lot of unsolicited recommendations that went to the mayor. I think if you want to look at things on the whole spectrum, members of the black community and the Hispanic community also sent recommendations in.

LG: I have one last question. I want to turn this around and ask what you see as the role of the gay press in Boston, and how it can best work with the lesbian and gay community, and how it can best work with you as liaison.

AM: I think one of the most important roles of the gay press is to provide coverage of the things that the straight press doesn't provide, so that we can find out about our community.... Really being

in the Marines again," drove forward with instrumentation strong and simple enough to carry her strong words. I anticipated some awkwardness in the initial sound and sight of Holly and Inti Illimani playing together. But they just appeared and performed, letting the piece speak for itself. It was simple, direct musical communication.

The razor-sharp renditions of "Hay una Mujer," "It Could Have Been Me," Violeta Parra's "La Denuncia," and Silvio Rodríguez's "Te Doy una Canción" forced a more active listening out of me than is usual. I was aware of several things: that my senses are unused to being shook up by changes in familiar music; that change is what this music is all about; that Spanish, the language which I elected to study all through college, is also the language of revolution—"El pueblo unido jamás será vencido!" ("The people united will never be defeated!") Whether or not I had been able to identify myself with the revolutions of Chile, El Salvador, Nicaragua and other countries beforehand, I was reminded that we all have a common interest. Global changes are in motion that give us two choices: to change or be destroyed. All of our societies will continue, with us watching from the sidelines, or with our more active participation in bringing about change for the better.

Our expectations of Holly Near seem to be even more strict than for other women musicians: along with female musicians and techni-

who were themselves spirited and versatile (the gray-haired man on the right of the stage in particular seemed to have mastered every instrument). The cohesiveness of Inti Illimani's playing reflects their long years together before and during the revolution and in exile. Holly Near, the North American, added one more musical element to what is already a rich amalgam of European and indigenous American, folk and classical styles.

The tour clearly had the political intent of bridging national and cultural barriers. But the content of the Boston concert failed to pursue that intent very far. The members of Inti Illimani remained nameless and, with one exception, speechless individuals with music and instruments that were foreign to a large part of the audience and remained so throughout the concert; little of the history of the group or of their country was explained; there was little to fill in the gaps the media and the schools have left in our knowledge of the world and its recent history.

Most of Inti Illimani's songs were instrumentals, exciting to some and, to judge by comments

the information provider, the gay press does a really good service. Showing where we have made strides and covering things, whether it be the Rainbow Coalition or BL/GPA, to provide information for all parts of the community. Because we have a tendency to think that just the issues on the radical left aren't covered. But when we really start to look, there are many things that happen here in Boston that we don't think that much about, that don't get much coverage.

I think another thing the press can do, especially in this time, is to really give some good solid information about AIDS. I think that's really important. And I think interpreting the news, too. What will some of the things that happened really and truly mean to people?... How can the gay press work best with the liaison? I think helping to disseminate information, what's coming out of the city, what's being done, and so forth. And really keeping a dialogue open. The gay press is as much a part of the community as any other part.

cians, she is supposed to let her passions out for the world of women to see. At some point, Holly appeared to decide not to meet this demand. More than that, she began to cross other, racial and cultural boundaries to appear with Grupo Raiz, and with Inti Illimani. The issue for many of us fans has been one of having to change along with her. I admit that it can be difficult to accept music made by men in a culture that seems oppressively male. But I personally find change of any kind difficult, shifts in my expectations of performers slow. For me, the best thing that music can do is to speak to my heart. For a long time, my heart has been telling me to help stop the plunge towards war. Holly Near told me that music is doing this, but music is no longer the property of white men and women. It belongs to all of us.

The music that has joined with Holly Near's brings with it a new sound, zest, and life. There was a lone protestor in the balcony Saturday night who yelled while Inti Illimani played, "Bring on Holly." If I had yelled out, it would have been to say something like, "Slow down, you're moving too fast!" The bonus of seeing this performance was that it gave me the belief that coalition, women and men singing together, is possible. Music is an expression of ideals, and when that is smothered in the name of feminism, lesbianism, revolution, whatever, music is going to lose its reason for being, and so are we.

heard afterwards, boring to others, but nonetheless without the explicit politics Inti Illimani and the Chilean New Song movement represent. Except for one song dedicated to Nicaragua that was never explained in English, Inti Illimani said nothing about Central America or about the U.S. invasion looming in the future. Of course their desire to return to Chile soon and their need to perform in this country could understandably have forced them into silence about political views the Chilean and U.S. governments are dead set against. And there were linguistic difficulties; the only member of the group who addressed the audience in English was far from fluent. But nonetheless, to most lesbians and gay men in the audience Inti Illimani will probably be remembered as the seven anonymous men who filled in the gaps between Holly Near's songs.

Crossing the barriers between cultures is an essential political project and more and more an urgent one. The political value of this musically delightful concert may lie in its demonstration of what a monumentally difficult project that really is.

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I desire submissive males who are discreet and sincerely want a young master 25 years of age and new to the life. I am a master of discipline, doctor of pain, and want submissive men into B&D, S&M, TVs and drag queens. Write now, to Master Louis MASSEI, 81A 5855, Box B, Dannemora NY 12929.

I hope I could get someone who is willing to write a very lonely soul and the only needed qualification needed is a heart. I love to meet new friends, write, sing, love and be loved. Michael ALLEN, 162 077, Box 45699, Lucasville OH 45699.

Down and out brother soon to be released from prison and in need of support after 9 years behind bars. I'm 27, tall, husky, enjoy lifting weights and other activities. Steve CUTHBERT, 76B 1032, Box 367, Dannemora NY 12929.

Looking for sincere and meaningful correspondence with mature thinking person to help make these days go by. George JOHNSON, 15761, Box 14 (9-C), Boise ID 83707.



23 year old prisoner needs someone to write to. Cannot receive checks, money orders, stamps or cash. (in case you're worried about that). Please drop a line and let's get to know each other. Robert COVIL, A018129, Box 7, Deer Lodge MT 59722.

GM getting out next year Will need friends to help get used to being free again. Am completely versatile. Keith CAPEZIO, C39376, Rm 6256, Box A, San Luis Obispo CA 93409.

I am a black gay prisoner in 10 block [isolation] in desperate need of legal assistance from anyone concerned. My rights to the 14th amendment were violated, among other matters I would greatly appreciate hearing from concerned parties. Aquarian or other penpals also very welcome! Timothy BANKSTON, Bnx 100, So. Walpole MA 02071

I have been writing to THOMAS BRIMER from Lowell FL and now his letters are getting returned I would sure like to get in touch again. Tom, would you write me thru GCN/Mike, 167 Tremont, Boston MA 02111 I love you! And I would like to hear from anyone from LA, gay or lesbian. I am into no body hair and plan to get all of mine removed when I get out. Please write Jim TORGET, 3102 E. Highland N 21, Patton CA 92369

Lonely black make getting out soon seeks correspondence, friendship, and open for more. Love of animals and love to be loved by the right person. Only serious Send SASE please. Maurice SMITH, C-13874, L-117, Box 2000, Vacaville CA 95696



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Pier Paolo Pasolini's tale of a young man (Terence Stamp) who seduces an entire family

TRASH

Andy Warhol's underground classic of the permissive sixties and its abundance of good drugs and gorgeous studs. Rated X

May 27-28, Sunday & Monday
Triple Feature

POLYESTER

John Waters' "Scratch n Sniff" classic — Not only can you see Divine, but you can SMELL Divine, too!

PINK FLAMINGOS

FEMALE TROUBLE

Two more Waters' classics starring Divine, the 300 lb. transvestite, that have propelled her into cult film stardom.

May 29-30, Tuesday & Wednesday
Double Feature

THE BITTER TEARS OF PETRA VAN KANT

Rainer Werner Fassbinder's steamy, stylized lesbian melodrama, with Hanna Schygulla and beautiful Art Deco sets

KAMIKAZE '89

Boston Premiere

Fassbinder again, this time starring as a detective who wears a leopard skin suit, in a futuristic thriller that also stars Frank Ripploh ("Taxi Zum Klo")

May 31, Thursday
Double Feature

BATMAN

The cloaked avenger and his twinkie sidekick in a 1960's glossy version of the comic strip, that has our hero in bird drag while fighting the forces of evil. Holy Hollywood, Batman!

BARBARELLA

A pre-liberation Jane Fonda as a scantily clad astronaut in Roger Vadim's version of the highly censorable comic strip

June 1-2, Friday & Saturday
Double Feature

BRINGING UP BABY

Kate Hepburn and Cary Grant in the zany Howard Hawks' romance that Pauline Kael described as "the American movies' closest equivalent to Restoration Comedy"

ALL ABOUT EVE

Bette Davis and Anne Baxter slug it out in this supremely bitchy classic. Fasten your seatbelts!

June 3-4, Sunday & Monday
Double Feature

SOME LIKE IT HOT

Billy Wilder's "Mt. Everest" of drag, starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. Nobody's perfect but "Some Like It Hot" is!

42ND STREET

Let's put on a show! All the showbiz cliches performed with great zest and wit, with spectacular dance routines. Starring Warner Baxter, Ruby Keeler and Ginger Rogers

June 5-6, Tuesday & Wednesday
Double Feature

EATING RAOUL

Paul Bartel and Mary Woronov decide to open a restaurant and start to bump off sex-crazed "swingers" to provide the working capital

DOWN ARGENTINE WAY

Betty Grable, Carmen Miranda, Charlotte Greenwood, Don Ameche and Technicolor so bright it makes your teeth hurt (a new 35mm print). "So outrageous — that it's hard to believe it isn't at least partly intentional — but why would anybody make this picture on purpose?" — Pauline Kael. FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!

June 7, Thursday
Double Feature

FRUITS OF PASSION

Klaus Kinski in a Japanese-French production of Pauline Reage's sequel to "The Story of O." Rated X.

MAITRESSE

Gerard Depardieu in the clutches of a beautiful dominatrix — S&M was never so much fun. Rated X

June 8-9, Friday & Saturday
Triple Feature

THE HUNGER

Catherine Deneuve, David Bowie and Susan Sarandon in this tale of a lesbian vampress and her lovers — Catherine and Susan do it, and David just hangs around to watch. Very chic. Very decadent.

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON

Director John Landis ("The Twilight Zone") didn't kill anyone making this one except the audience with laughter

THE EVIL DEAD

The only worthy successor to "Night Of The Living Dead" — Non-stop madness!

June 10-11, Sunday & Monday
Double Feature

COME BACK TO THE 5 AND DIME, JIMMY DEAN, JIMMY DEAN

Robert Altman's high camp parody of Tennessee Williams, starring Cher, Karen Black & Sandy Dennis

THE WOMEN

Claire Booth Luce's orgy of cattiness, wisecracking and bitchiness, starring Rosalind Russell, Joan Crawford, Paulette Goddard, Joan Fontaine and a sointly Norma Shearer

June 12-13, Tuesday & Wednesday
Double Feature

GOING PLACES

Bertrand Blier's best black, buddy-buddy comedy, with Gerard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaere as the hell raisers who drive women crazy

FEMMES FATALES

A highly original sex extravaganza about two dirty, middle-aged boys who decide they have had enough of womankind and their sexual demands

June 14, Thursday

ANDROID

The love affair of two robots is captured in this wonderfully tacky sci-fi adventure

PRIVATE PARTS

Paul Bartel's fantastic sex/horror farce that features a transsexual making love to an inflatable doll. Loads of fun!

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